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THE DESCENDANTS OF JOHN PHILLIPS AND ELLEN, HIS WIFE

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## FORWARD WRITERS PREFACE

Histories are undertaken and written for various reasons; some for material gains, some for the gratifying those vitally concerned in them, while others write histories because they wish to draw historical facts out of the dim past into the light and thus produce them for the benefit of all who may be concerned and wish to ponder over them.

I was interested in our ancestors and the times that they passed through while hewing out a home in those early years. Therefore, I took upon myself the task that called for a lot of work, research and time to secure out of the past all that I much wanted to know about their pioneer life and the conditions in those early years.

Their early history was hallowed in a purpose greater than just the material things of time, and getting a home on earth. It was forged in the fire of burning faith in their God. Many of our ancestors came to this country in those early years with but one goal in their minds, namely; to advance the Kingdom of their Lord and Master. It would be impossible to understand their religious fervor and zeal of our early settlers without knowing their religious background.

I am retired and past the three score and ten years. During this retirement I have been working many hours on this history, and even before my retirement I worked many hours on it.

To the best of my knowledge, this history is correct. There have been many years passed under the bridge of time since our first ancestors came from Wales, placing their feet on the banks of the Delaware River, where the great city of Brotherly Love (Philadelphia) now stands.

This has been a most trying and difficult task getting this data together. Their births, when they were married and to whom they were married, their early movements and their deaths; took a lot of research to gather and compile this material in many different ways from people and places. I have tried to get all of this data correct. Should there be any errors as to dates, etc., please forgive as this could happen, as mistakes can be made by anyone and I am no exception.

Most of our early ancestors that emigrated from Wales to North America in those early years were Quakers and zealous workers in their church and real helpers to all that were in need of help in anyway. This was the standard set by our early ancestors.

When they first settled there in North America, about all there was for them to make a living was to raise their food and raiment from their farms. But, as the years went by, some branched out in different lines of vocations. Some became doctors, others became inventors, lawyers, judges, supreme court judges, teachers, principals and superintendents of schools, and both men and women preachers of the Gospel.

These were some of our first ancestors. They set a good example for the generations to follow in this wonderful land of ours. May the ones to follow be as good and energetic as were our forefathers.



## GENEALOGY TRACED

### JOHN PHILLIPS AND HIS POSTERITY TO 1966

The contents of this history and family record was collected from old Bibles and courthouses all over the United States of America; from a copy of the original record that Lorenzo T. John obtained about the year of 1850; from libraries, genealogies and historical places of information; and by my writing to people in England and Wales. Also, I took sketches from Eliza John's diary (she was the daughter of Abia John) which Elizabeth B. Heritage of Mulica Hill, New Jersey copied for me. Elizabeth Heritage also copied for me the family record of Griffith John, Senior (the emigrant) from Griffith John, Junior's Bible. She took pictures of this Bible and the family records from it and I copied parts of letters from Griffith John (the son of Perry John) to his cousin Sarah (John) Burch of Rockford, Illinois. I copied some from Don John's history papers in the Folson Club Library in Louisville, Kentucky, and from his papers in the Newbury Library in Chicago, Illinois. I obtained material by going through the country where our ancestors settled when they came from Wales in 1709.

I also obtained material from the Quaker Historical Meeting House and their genealogy on East Arch Street near the Independence Hall in Philadelphia, and at the Swarthmore Quaker College in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania. The Quakers had most of the records of births, marriages, deaths and history of those early people. I received much material from those to whom I had written in regards to this history. This data was gathered and compiled by me, Clark E. John, of 1360 Prospect Avenue, Long Beach, California. I started in 1935 and am still working on it in 1966.

I am indebted to the contributors which have helped me to interpret events with confidence that the interpretation will stand. I am also indebted to many histories and historians for much in this book, for the basic work, monographs and manuscript which I have used, I can only give thanks collectively.

#### EARLY SKETCHES

John Phillips and Ellen, his wife, were the first of our ancestors to come from Pembrokeshire, Wales. It is thought that they came from in or near Haverfordwest.

In an early date, this part was peopled with English Colonists, and was called "Little England". The English spoken there was a dialect peculiar to that locality. It is thought that our ancestors spoke both the Welch and the dialect.

#### THE QUAKER MOVEMENT

In 1657, George Fox came to Wales and traveled as far northward as Beaumaris, accompanied by John ap-John and preached the new doctrine with wonderful success. Everywhwere in Wales the effects of the meetings were seen and Wales was soon alive with Quakers.

Many of these converts in after years came to William Penn's colony on the shore of the Delaware River and settled in the 40,000 acre tract of land that William Penn had surveyed for the Welch Quakers. This land was called "The Welch Barney".

There is an old family Bible that Griffith John, Junior had and it is the family record of his father's family, Griffith John, Senior's children and others. This Bible was handed down several times. In 1960, it was in the hands of Mary (John) Heritage of Mulica Hill, New Jersey.

In education, industry and practical ability these Welch people had few equals among the early settlers. They were not only ministers, but the first statesmen, the first lawyers and the first physicians.

There were no paupers depending on charity nor on William Penn, but they were self reliant men and women with ample fortune in their hands seeking a home and liberty where they could worship God after their own desire.

#### A BRIEF OF ELIZA JOHN AND HER DIARY

This material was transcribed from the original manuscript by Elizabeth Heritage for me. She is the daughter of Mary (John) Heritage of Mulica Hill, New Jersey, and she has the original manuscript.

Eliza John, the twelfth child of Abia and Martha John, was born on the 29th of May, 1812, near Bear Gap, Shamokin (now called Ralpo) Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. She was an active member of the Roaring Creek Quaker Meetings. This Meeting House and the school house were built by Eliza's brothers, Elida and Perry John. Eliza's father, Abia John, was the first school teacher in this section. He was the grandson of Griffith John, Senior.

Eliza John never married. After the death of her father, she and her sister, Sarah John, lived together until her death on the fourth of December, 1863. Eliza's diary gives a cross section of life, as she records the births, marriages and deaths. The diary also gives dates when certain members of the family emigrated farther west. She had a quaint way of making personal comments and voicing bits of homey philosophy as she records daily happenings.

#### EARLY HISTORY

I took from the "Binkley Papers", out of Don John's records in the Folsom Club Library in Louisville, Kentucky, parts of a letter by Mrs. Alma (John) Woodson, written in 1910. Her address was Route 2, Box 467, Indianapolis, Indiana. When I was in Indianapolis in 1960, I tried my best to locate some of her relations, but I was not successful.

Quote from part of a letter: "John Phillips John, his wife Ellen or Eleanor, and their sons Robert or Thomas, Samuel and Griffith John, living in Pembroke-shire, Wales.(It is thought in the Parish of Haverfordwest). According to tradition, Robert or (Thomas) who died without issue, was possessed of a great fortune which was to be divided to his brothers' issue one hundred years after his death. It is stated that his estate was invested in the East India Tea Company and had reached an enormous amount. The one hundred years had elapsed many years ago and the money is supposed to be in Chancery waiting for the heirs to present their claims of proof" Chancery is a division of the High Court of Justice in Great Britian where the affairs of those who have died are conducted.

She writes in 1890, "John W. Bravans of Swansea, Wales, wrote thus to Dr. J.J. John of Shamokin, Pennsylvania: "My mother's brother who lives in Pembroke-shire, Wales. had searched through all the various Parish Churches and interviewed all the Rectors and Vicars who he is personally acquainted with and he can trace our family John back for the last three or four hundred years. She says my

mother belongs to the same family of Johns that went to North America 181 years ago and consequently we are most positive that we are of the same family".

She went on to say, "my ancestors. the Johns were gentlemen farmers, living six to fourteen miles from Haverfordwest, I am most positive that if you will most kindly give the exact Parish of Samuel and Griffith John, the sons of John Phillip John, emigrants from Pembrokeshire, Wales that settled in Goshen, Chester County, Pennsylvania, as to their births, and also where their estates were located, my uncle is most sure that he could trace it. And could find out if John Phillips John had more children than these three sons".

In 1709, Samuel and Griffith John, sons of John Phillip John, emigrated from Pembrokeshire, Wales, and settled in Goshen, Chester County, Pennsylvania, (Goshen is now in Lancaster County by an act of the General Assembly on the 10th of May, 1729).

Mrs. Persis (Agnew) Brown, of 2233 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, the daughter of Mable C. and Albert E. Agnew, great granddaughter of Issac John, and great-great-granddaughter of Ruben and Sophia (Mettler) John, wrote this to me in 1957. Quote: "I found this in the Newbury Library in Chicago, Illinois, where John Griffith arrived on the ship 'Caroline' in Virginia in the year of 1628."

He changed his name to Griffith John. He was from Wales. She says that he was our first ancestor in America. She thinks that he must have been the one that had the old Welch Bible from Wales with the Will to an estate of something like \$60,000,000.00 in Wales.

#### FOLSON CLUB LIBRARY IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

There was an Isaac John, who had a son named James John, and he married Catherine Lettell, and to them were born eleven children, namely;

1. Elizabeth John, born on the 11th of July, 1800.
2. Sarah John, born on the 16th of January, 1802.
3. William John, born on the 6th of September, 1805.
4. Nancy John, born on the 20th of June, 1807.
5. Catherine John, born on the 26th of January, 1809.
6. Daniel John, born on the 3rd of March, 1812.
7. Samuel John, born on the 5th of December, 1814.
8. Martha John, born on the 1st of May, 1817.
9. Thomas M. John, born on the 3rd of September, 1819.
10. Caroline M., born on the 15th of March, 1822.
11. Roda E. John, born on the 6th of September, 1824

#### FRIENDS SWARTHMORE COLLEGE, SWARTHMORE, PENNSYLVANIA -SWARTHMORE MEETING MEMBERS

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BLOOMSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA  
From the Record of Deeds in the Courthouse

Alia John, Deed Book, Vol. 1, page 400, Date of Deed 30th of December, 1813.  
Date registered, 8th of November, 1814. Catawissa Township, Columbia County,  
Pennsylvania. (Grantor --- Joseph Atkinson).

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Hiram John, Deed Book, Vol. 1, page 400. Date of Deed 7th of May, 1830.  
Registered on the 7th of May, 1830. Catawissa Township, Columbia County,  
Pennsylvania.

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James John, Deed Book, Vol. 11, page 442. Date of Deed 30th of March, 1848.  
Date of registration 1848. Mt. Pleasant Township in Columbia County,  
Pennsylvania.

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Elira John, Deed Book, Vol. 11, page 569. Date of Deed 10th of August, 1847.  
Date registered, 14th of March, 1849.

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There was a Hanah John and a Herman in the Deed Book at the courthouse in  
Bloomsburg and some other Johns listed.

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West Chester Historical Society, speaks of a John Phillips and William Phillips  
brothers. They were born in Pembrokeshire, Wales. John Phillips married Jane  
Townsend. He died on the 24th of September, 1820. Their children were, namely;  
1. Elizabeth, 2. Mary, 3. Sarah, 4. Margaret, 5. David, 6. James, and  
7. Phillip Phillips.

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Some early families listed in the records in the Public Library in Philadelphia.

A Griffith Jones was probably the first white man to own land in what is now  
the town of Richland in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. In 1659, he purchased  
several hundred acres in or near the North Wales settlement, but others got a  
claim on it before he did so he lost out on that claim. But in 1701 and 1706  
he did buy a thousand acres where Richland town now stands. At that time it  
was called the "Great Swamp", but it turned out to be a very rich soil.

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As our early ancestors had such close dealings with William Penn, I believe it would be of interest to write about some of his early life in England, and the part he had in the making of Pennsylvania's first history.

I took this from the Historical Society and the Swarthmore Quaker College in Philadelphia and Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

The Providence owed most of its liberties to William Penn. He was the son of an English Admiral, William Penn, Senior. He was born in London in the year of 1644. At first he was a member of the Anglican Church. He was schooled in Oxford College, and was a vigorous boatsman and student. He commenced drifting into Quakerism. His father heard of his interests in Quakerism and he tried to persuade him to give up his interests, but was unable to do so and finally disinherited him.

The pressing wants of the exile were relieved by his mother's love. But, he was soon in prison for his religious work. He was quartered in a tiny room in the prison tower under a roof where it was cold in the winter and hot in the summer.

Bishop London conveyed the message to Penn by way of Cook Gardner, that he was to appear before Fair on all the city to confess or be a prisoner during the rest of his life. Gardner brought back the reply of "Thou mayest tell my father, whom I know will ask thee, these words that this prison cell shall be my grave before I will budge a bit for I owe no mortal man my conscience. I have no need to fear as God will make amends for all. Those who use force in these religious persecutions, mine forgive, and they can never be right."

In 1663, his father relenting obtained his release. Again he was arrested and at the trial the jury acquitted him. The judge sent the jury back to their room saying, "We will have a verdict or we shall starve for it". They did starve for forty-eight hours and they still said, "not guilty". A fine was given to the jury and William Penn was ordered back to jail. His father paid the fine and William Penn was back at the Quaker Meetings.

William Penn's testimony, "Though I know Him not from the beginning, yet I knew Him, that in which neither beginning of days nor end of life. In the eternal light I know Him and have often sweat fellowship with Him, therein to my great refreshment, even in the gloomy and dark days".

His father, Sir William Penn, on his dying bed said, "Son William, I am weary of this world. I would not live over my life again if I could command it with a wish, for the snares of life are greater than the fears of death. This troubles me. Oh! have a care of sin which is the sting both of life and death". Then he said, "William let nothing in this world tempt you to wrong your conscience. That will be a feast to dwell on in a day of trouble". Then thinking of England, he said, "God will judge you, old England."

His last words to his son were, "Son William, if you and your friends keep to your plain way of living and preaching, you will make an end of Priest to the end of the world. Bury me by my mother, live in love and God will bless you all. William, you have chosen the better part."

William Penn was sent by the King, Charles II, to take charge of the Providence of Pennsylvania in 1682. He sailed up the Delaware River with one hundred emigrants and under a big elm tree his famous treaty was made with the Indians and there grew up the great city of Philadelphia, which in three years had six hundred houses.

The state of Pennsylvania was named by King Charles II in honor of William Penn, and was called at first the Providence of Pennsylvania.

The following I copied from the book "History of Chester County". In 1683, William Penn bought 40,000 acres of land from the Indians for the Quakers. For this land he gave them:

150 fathoms wampum	15 pairs of scissors
14 blankets	3 papers of beads
15 guns	15 axes
3 great kettles	18 glasses
15 small kettles	15 combs
32 pounds of powder	5 papers of red lead
15 shirts	16 pairs of stockings
30 bars of lead	15 tobacco boxes
7 pairs of shoes	15 tobacco tongs
6 caps	15 coats
12 gimlets	15 knives
6 dressing knives	15 hose

and a quantity of yardage goods.

#### A LETTER BY WILLIAM PENN TO THE PEOPLE OF CHESTER AND DELAWARE COUNTIES

I took this from the Library in Philadelphia, from a book entitled  
"Heathcote's History of Chester County, Pennsylvania".

#### Letter from William Penn

April, the 8th, 1681, King Charles II, made the grant of Pennsylvania. By this letter, my friends, I wish you all happiness, here and hereafter. These are to let you know that it has pleased God, in His Providence, to cast you within my lot and care.

It is a business that, though I never undertook before, yet I know that God has given me an understanding of my duty and an honest mind to do it uprightly.

I hope that you will not be troubled at our change and the King's choice, for you are not fixed at the mercy of any Governor that comes to make his fortune great, and if you will, you shall be governed by laws of your own making, and live a free and sober industrious people.

I shall not usurp the right, or oppress any person. God has furnished me with a better resolution, and has given His grace, to keep it. In short, whatever, sober and free men can reasonably desire for the security and improvement of the happiness, I shall heartily comply with, and I beseech God to direct you in the way of righteousness to you and your children.

Signed - William Penn

#### SOME EARLY PENNSYLVANIA LAWS

The Bible was to be associated with the oath taken by every civil officer and witness. It was to hold its unsectarian place in the schools. The Lords Day should be kept. The Chaplains of Congress and Assemblies were to be Christians. They used the King James version as their Bible in the schools and churches.

In 1681, William Penn sent Thomas Holmes, a surveyor, to establish a site for a town. And in 1682, the City of Brotherly Love, Philadelphia was laid out.

Saying of William Penn. "There is a faith that overcomes the world, and there is a faith that is overcome by the world."

#### EARLY HISTORY AND NAMES - PENNSYLVANIA

There is an account of a Griffith Jones tract in Bucks County. He built a shelter by the side of a leaning rock, and in this rude dwelling was born the first white child in that settlement. They named the boy child after his father Griffith Jones. He was born on the 12th of October, 1681.

There was a Griffith John that came from Wales in 1712, and settled on a farm about a mile west of Conserville, Chester County, Pennsylvania. His children bore the name of "Jones". He died in 1753, and was buried in the Great Valley Baptist burying ground. He had a brother by the name of Henry John.

The names of his children were: 1. Samuel Jones, 2. William Jones, 3. Thomas Jones, and 4. Margaret Jones (she married an Evan James and their homestead went to their son John James).

There was an Abraham Griffith that bought a portion of this Griffith John's land in Bucks County in 1708. One of the signers of the papers was a John Phillips. (I do not know for sure whether this was our ancestor, John Phillips or not).

There was another Griffith family that was connected with our ancestors by marriage (I believe) and they could be by blood relation also. There were three brothers that came from Wales in 1715. Their names were: 1. Thomas Griffith, 2. Griffith Griffith and 3. John Griffith. Their father's name was Griffith John. They married into the Sharps, Fosters, Thomases, and Cadwalader families as did our ancestors. Several of our ancestors had names like theirs. Thomas Griffith was the keeper of the Great Britian's Seal for Pennsylvania and

and was Judge of the Supreme Court. He was Mayor of Philadelphia at one time.

Griffith Griffith married Given Thomas and to them were born these children: 1. Evan Griffith, 2. Amos Griffith, 3. Levi Griffith, and 4. Rebeka Griffith.

Griffith Griffith died in 1770, and at the time of his death he was the possessor of great wealth. The brothers had an old Welch Bible with a family record in it. This family of brothers were all college bred men with a considerable amount of wealth.

There was quite a number of our ancestors in the Great Revolutionary War.

In looking through the records in the courthouse in West Chester, Pennsylvania, I found where names had been somewhat mixed up. They had Jones instead of John on the same piece of land in Uwchlan Township. In the records Thomas Jones, Samuel Jones, and Griffith Jones were listed, but the records should read Thomas John, Samuel John and Griffith John. The description of this land was alike and names changed.

There were some families in Wales at one time that had but one name. They would distinguish one from the other by being known as the son of another person. Thus, if a person bearing the name of William, had a son named Thomas, another person named Levi, had a son named Thomas also, their sons would respectively be called or known as Thomas, the son of William and Thomas the son of Levi.

It was the custom with some in southern Wales, as was our ancestors, for their sons to take their father's Christian name for their last name. When John Phillips emigrated to this country, their sons took their father's first name, JOHN, for their last name and that name was never changed and still is JOHN.

## EARLY HISTORY AND PEOPLE

### Lucretia Mott

Lucretia Mott, was the real founder and soul of the Woman Rights Movement in this country. She also worked with President Lincoln to free the slaves. Her husband's name was James Mott.

She was also a great worker with the Quakers taking part in their meetings. She was a noted speaker. Eliza John, in her diary, often mentions being at the Meeting in Philadelphia, and said that they were wonderful meetings.

In 1956, I was in the Old Meeting House (where Eliza John attended Lucretia Mott's meetings) and also the Historical Library next door on Arch Street. (This is not far from the Independence Hall).

I looked through the old records of our ancestors there. The Quaker lady that helped me was so nice and accomodating. She spent a lot of her time helping me. The books were old and fragile. Some of the handwriting was our ancestors.

## LIONVILLE

I took the following from the records in the Library in Philadelphia

### "History of Chester County"

"Whereas Dennis Whelen, at the sign of the Red Lion, in the County of Chester, hath purchased a considerable interest in lands at the place aforesaid, which is so situated on the Provinell Road leading from Philadelphia to Harris' Ferry, where several other considerable roads also meet and join same, as near the Unchlan Meeting House, as to render the situation very suitable for a town, consideration whereof the Dennis Whelen, has laid out a number of lots to accommodate the appliers or tenants may be served with dry and wholesome lots. The conveniences are so large that several hundred builders or tenants can be served.

Those of them laid out are 60 by 250 feet, proposed to be let at three dollars per annum yearly rent, or the value thereof, with a condition that the tenants may purchase when they please, upon paying twenty years rent.

This town to be called "Welch Place" after a place in Wales, from David Lloyd's home place. (He was formerly owner of this land).

It is proposed that the twenty tenants come and enter into the necessary articles to secure the tenants in their possession, with streets and C.

It may be further observed that the place aforesaid proposed for the town be situated in a populous part of the county where numerous travelers daily passing and repassing, and saw mills, merchants, mills on every side of the same, not far distant, stone, timber, and other materials and minerals for building and C. Persons of one religious society, to the number of twenty taking so many lots in said place, shall have an acre of land freely given, for a place to worship, burying ground and school house, provided they make timely application.

A plan of the beginning of the allotment is to be the Main Street and to be enlarged to eighty feet wide. It further proposed that upon the tenants taking up to two hundred of said lots, they shall be entitled to ten acres of ground for a Common, clear of rent".

Signed - Dennis Whelen

The expectation of Mr. Whelen was not realized and instead of a large and populated town the Welch Pool, we have the pleasant village of Lionville in Uwchlan Township. This was where Griffith John, preached so many years. He was buried in the burying grounds there. His farm is nearby. General Washington's headquarters were in a large square house across the street.

## HISTORY STATISTICS

West Chester Historical Society of Pennsylvania  
Samuel and Margaret John, the Emigrants

### Children

Mary John, born on the 19th of December, 1709.  
Samuel John, Junior, born on the 22nd of November, 1711. Married Ann Jenkins.  
Margaret John, born on the 2nd of January, 1713.  
David John, born on the 30th of November, 1714.  
Ellen John, born on the 26th of February, 1718.  
Daniel John, born on the 12th of February, 1720.  
Jacob John, born in 1716.

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Griffith and Ann John,  
the Emigrants

### Children

Ann John, born on the 3rd of October, 1715. Married John Benson. Died 1790.  
Rachel John, born on the 28th of December, 1717. Married James Benson. Died 1760.  
Joshua John, born on the 31st of January, 1720.  
Hannah John, born on the 19th of January, 1723.  
Jane John, born on the 2nd of September, 1725.  
Abel John, born on the 22nd of July, 1727.  
Griffith John, born on the 26th of August, 1729.  
Esther John, born on the 3rd of January, 1731.  
Robert John, born on the 22nd of July, 1734.  
Sarah John, born on the 28th of June, 1734.  
Asa John, born on the 14th of September, 1740.  
Ruben John, born on the 20th of December, 1742.

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Friends Meeting House Located  
at Fourth and Arch Streets, Philadelphia

### Historical Society

Goshen Meeting. Joshua John, the third child of Griffith John, and Rachel,  
his wife.

### Children

Israel John, born on the 13th of May, 1747.  
Elizabeth John, born on the 15th of August, 1749.  
Sibilla John, born on the 15th of August, 1753.  
Griffith John, born on the end of May, 1755.  
Almer John, born on the 22nd of August, 1756.  
Joseph John, born on the 20th of September, 1757.  
Ann John, born on the 2nd of March, 1758.  
Thomas John, died in March, 1731.

Griffith John, from David Lloyd in 1715. Sold in 1787.  
 Thomas John from Elizabeth Howell in 1731.  
 Samuel John from William Sweny 1863.  
 Sidney John from Robert Mercer in 1858.  
 Samuel John from Elizabeth John in 1832.  
 Samuel John from William Currie in 1767.  
 Samuel John from Christian Miller in 1792.  
 Ruthanna John from Minnie M. Hayes in 1914.  
 Ruben John from John Rotter in 1856.  
 Rees John from James David in 1833.  
 Rachel John from Daniel Hasted in 1830.  
 Newman John from Edwin B. John in 1908.  
 Minerva John from Jacob Heffeling in 1854.  
 Luman John from John Massey in 1870.  
 Levi John from Philip Miller in 1813.  
 Levi John from Abraham Waggonsetler in 1813.  
 Keech John from David H. Speakmon in 1813.  
 Katherine John from Chester Trust Company in 1819.  
 Joseph John from Minnie M. Hayes in 1914.  
 Jasten John.  
 Joseph John from Thomas J. Janny in 1884.  
 John J. John.  
 Jerome John - Jeffery John  
 Jehu John from Jole Ryle in 1846.  
 Jane John.  
 Jana John.  
 Jehu John from John Finney in 1822.  
 Jehu John from Philip Lewis in 1777.  
 Joshua John.  
 Iwin John.  
 Horace John.  
 Henry John.  
 Hillery John.  
 Hannah John.  
 George John.  
 Gates John.

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#### THE GRIFFITH FAMILY

The pedigree of William Griffith, John Griffith, son of Griffith John, of the Parish of Llanddewi, Breff in the County of Cardigan South Wales, who moved to Chester County, Pennsylvania, in the early part of the 18th century. Compiled in South Wales by Thomas Allen Glenn.

He married Mary John of Uwchlan Township. Daughter of Samuel John of Uwchlan. The ones that signed the wedding papers were: Daniel John, Samuel John, Margaret John, Griffith Griffith, Gwen Griffith, Griffith John, another Samuel John, Elinor John, William John, Evan John, Joshua John and some others.

John Griffith was the son of Griffith Hugh. There were three sons: David Griffith, William Griffith and John Griffith. David had a son named Griffith John.

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From Don John's papers in the Newbury Library in Chicago, Illinois. The paper of Georgrena Holland Binkley, give an account of a letter to Abia and Martha John. She was a granddaughter of Robert John, son of Jehu, son of Robert, the son of Griffith John, the preacher.

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The Quakers were a God fearing and God loving people. Their ministers received no pay. They made their living outside of the church. They believed in a free gospel and preparing in life for death.

The emigrants that came to North America at that time were not a pauper class of people. They did not depend on William Penn or anyone else for charity, but were self reliant people with ample fortunes in their hands, seeking a home and liberty.

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Upper Uwchlan was originally owned by the Cox Company and it comprised 30,000 acres of land. They did not pay the taxes so 467 acres were sold by Sheriff Nichols to David Lloyd, and it was confirmed to him by deed on the 24th of February, 1717-18.

#### EARLY HISTORY

The first Quaker Meeting was held in Chester County, Pennsylvania, and held in Robert Williams' home in 1704. (He was the father-in-law of Griffith John, Senior, and father of Ann (Williams) John, his wife.

Robert Williams was the first settler. He was called the "King of Goshen." The township of Uwchlan was organized in 1704. The word means "higher up" and was taken because the ground was a little higher. The Meetings were held in Welch as most of the people were Welch.

It is said that Robert Williams fire for his fireplace went out one time as did John Cadwalader's. In those early days they had to go a long way to borrow some fire so that they could get their fire started again.

During the Revolutionary War, the John family went through extra hard times. One of the great battles, Battle of Brandywine in 1776-77, lead by George Washington and his gallant troops, fought on or near the John farm to keep the British army back. In this battle of Brandywine, General George Washington's army was beaten, but the British had heavy losses also. Washington's army had 900 killed and wounded while the British had 100 killed and 400 wounded.

The town of West Chester, where most of the British came from at that time, was known as Turkes Head.

Washington first used the Birmingham Friends Meeting House for his officers quarters and temporary hospital. This place is now called Mrs. Biddles Lawn. Later the army withdrew to the Uwchlan Friends Meeting House. They asked

for the key and it was refused so they broke the door in. They used this meeting house for a temporary hospital and the burying grounds for a temporary camp ground.

So the Friends held Meetings in George Thomas's home for awhile. In a book in the Los Angeles Public Library, history of Chester County, it shows the picture of the Uwchlan Friends Meeting House. It was on the 11th of September that the army first used this Meeting House. Then in the awful winter of 1777, the army withdrew to Valley Forge, about fifteen miles from the John farm. General Washington and his army suffered about everything that long hard winter. They had very little food and not enough clothes to keep them warm that long cold winter.

The army would go out over the country for miles around forging, as they called it, getting things from the farmers. The John family had to get along with what was left.

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The first meeting of Friends was held on the 28th of May, 1712, in Uwchlan Township. It was held in Cadwalader's home and the following persons were sent to the Monthly Meeting on the 8th of March, 1716.

Joseph Hely	Hugh Davis	Griffith John	Thomas Davis
James Pugh	Isaac Vernon	Peter Togler	Thomas James
Thomas John	Joseph Phillips	Samuel John	John Cadwalader
Thomas Fell	Robert Benson	Calwalader Jones	David Cadwalader
Samuel Phillips			

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The town of Philadelphia was plotted and a constitution was drawn up in 1681, guaranteeing Religious Freedom and Universal Suffrage.

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There was a Welch Prince of Wales in the early days that was well liked by the name of Griffith. That is why so many of the Welch people took the name of Griffith.

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There was a Jesse John, a descendant from a Welch family, that was born in Vincent Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, on the 14th of March, 1770. I think he was a descendant from Ruben John. He was an officer in the War of 1812-15.

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After the war Governor Snyder appointed Jesse John, Clerk of the Courts in Chester County. Then in 1814, there was a bank opened in Chester County, authorized by the State Assembly. He was one of the nine officers appointed to have charge. He was Clerk of Courts for nine years. He moved to Muskingum, Ohio, in later years. He died on the 21st of May in 1861, at the age of 91. He was a devout Baptist.

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There was a Charles John of Pottstown, Chester County, Pennsylvania. He

was a great-grandson of Asa John, and Asa was the first child of Abia John, and Martha, his wife. Abia was the sixth child of Griffith John, Junior.

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There was a David John in Chester County, Pennsylvania. I think he was a son of Samuel John. He was one of the men appointed by the Justice of the Peace on the 1st of August, 1777, to take account of all the wheat, flour, and other things in stores in Chester County during the Revolutionary War.

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There was a Cynthia D. K. Webster near Coatsville, Chester County, Pennsylvania. She was a daughter of Abia John, Junior, the son of Asa John. She was greatly interested in tracing the "John" family.

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Among the early settlers in Chester County, there was a Margaret John, and also Elizabeth John, Evan John, and Reese John. They belonged to our family of ancestors but I am not sure just how they are connected.

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#### WALES

Wales is a peninsula and lies in the southwest corner of Great Britain Island. It is 137 miles long. There are thirteen countries, or shires in Wales. No one knows how long men have lived in what is now Wales. Tools along the coast show that primitive men lived there at least 12,000 years ago. The first inhabitants were short dark haired people.

The Welch were religious people. A kind and helpful people to those around them. They were good singers.

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#### PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania was named after William Penn. The name means Penn's woods.

It became a state on the 12th of December, 1787. About 78 years after our first ancestors arrived in Pennsylvania.

The battle of Gettysburg in the Civil War, July 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of 1863, lasted three days and had about 40,000 casualties.

#### EARLY HISTORY OF CHESTER COUNTY

"Providence had brought us here safe. What wilt I should call this place"? William Penn asked his friend, Robert Pearson, when in 1682, the English owner first looked upon this portion of his vast holdings in the New World. Robert Pearson answered, "Chester", in honor and memory of his home in England. So it was that Chester County became, with Bucks and Philadelphia Counties, one of the first three counties in Pennsylvania.

The original Chester County extended east from Susquehanna to the Schuylkill River, south to what was to become the Mason-Dixon Line, which in 1763, was

established ending the confusion of farmers in that area who did not know whether they lived in Chester County, Pennsylvania or in the state of Maryland.

From its earliest days, Chester County's rivers, woods, gentle rolling hills and fertile soil have strongly attracted men to settle and to establish homes and to live on those richly productive farms and later to set up businesses and industries to meet the needs of a fast growing population.

Among the nice early homes that were built was the Longwood, the George Pierce House, built in 1730. This Longwood home took its part in history in the years before the Civil War when Rachel Pierce offered her home as a "station" in the Underground Railroad. This estate was purchased in 1906, by the du Ponts and it became the Longwood Gardens, renowned for its fountains and conservatories. Visitors are attracted from all over the world.

The Old Kennett Meeting House, built in 1710, is remarkable for its solid masonry. Its lawn was the scene of General Maxwell's surprise attack on the British in the battle of Brandywine in the month of September, 1777.

In 1786, West Chester became the County Seat and the first session of Court was held two months later. That year marked the election of the first three county commissioners; John, Joseph Gibbons and James Moore. I got data from the records in this Courthouse in 1957, from old deed record books in the basement.

Before the close of the 18th century, roads were established stretching across the country. Opened in 1795, was America's first turnpike road, the Lancaster Pike Road crossed Chester and Delaware Counties. Inns sprang up to accommodate the travelers. One, the General Warren Inn, was known during the Revolutionary War as the Loyalist House, frequented by such guests as Major John Andre, the British spy, who with Benedict Arnold, sought to betray West Point to the Crown. Another Inn contributing to the Revolutionary history was Turkes Head Tavern in West Chester. This Inn served as a hospital for the wounded American and British soldiers. The Red Rose Inn's (near West Chester) rental to be paid to the descendants of William Penn, was specified in 1731, to be one red rose yearly. This custom still is observed by the Inn's present owner. Industries also played a part in the early history. One of the early industries in the 18th Century, meeting both the needs of peace and those of war, was the Reading Furnace Farm, manufacturer of Benjamin Franklin's popular Franklin Stoves. They supplied cannons for use in the Revolutionary War. The peaceful pursuits of mills that had mushroomed along the rivers, like Stoods Mill, on Lenape Road, provided flour for Washington's army during the Revolutionary War.

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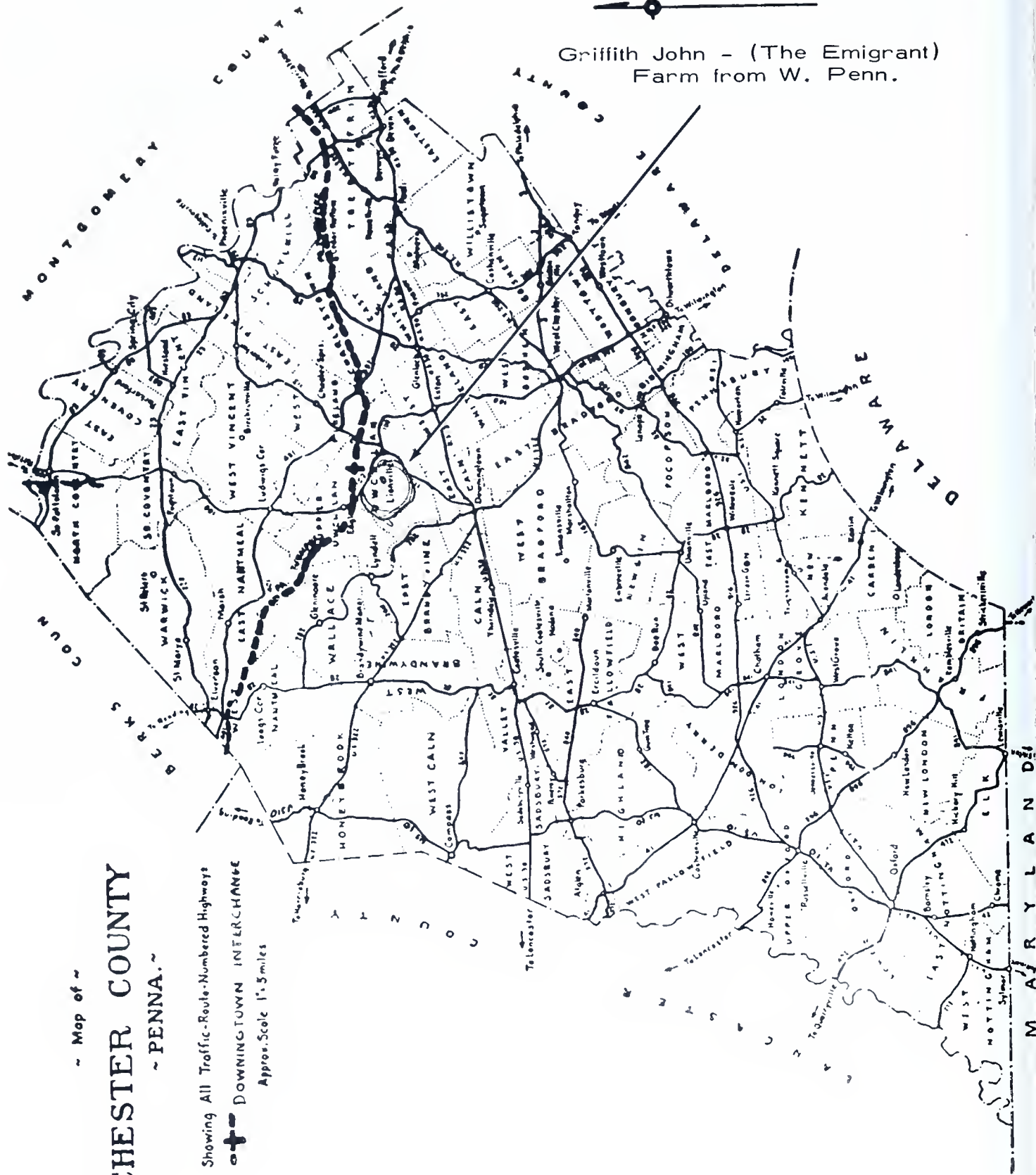
# CHESTER COUNTY

~ PENNA. ~

Showing All Traffic-Roule-Numbered Highways

**+** DOWNTOWN INTERCHANGE

Approx. Scale 1" = 5 miles



Griffith John - (The Emigrant)  
Farm from W. Penn.

SOME OF THE "JOHNS" THAT WERE IN THE  
FIRST CENSUS TAKEN IN PENNSYLVANIA

1790

# THE FIRST CENSUS TAKEN IN PENNSYLVANIA - 1790

These are the names of some of the "John" family that were  
in the first census that was taken in Pennsylvania

Name	Free white males 16 years and over including head of family	Free white males under 16 years	Free white females in- cluding head of family		
Head of Family	No.	Townships	No.	No.	County
		Not returned in Townships			
David John	1	"	2		Bedford
Mary John	-	"	5		
Abia John		Uwchlan	2	1	Chester
Ruben John	2	"	2	5	"
Griffith John	1	"	-	6	"
David John	7	Charlston	1	3	"
Phillip John	2	W. Whiteland	2	2	"
David John	1	East Town	-	2	"
Griffith John	1	W. Whiteland	1	2	"
James John	4	Vincent	4	3	"
Jared John	3	Pikeland	1	4	"
Owen John	1	Kennet	-	2	"
Rees John	3	Coventry	5	3	"
Thomas John	3	Trediffrin	-	2	"
James John	3	George	1	2	Fayette
John John	1	Springhill	1	3	"
John John	1	Tryon	3	4	Franklin
Samuel John	1	Montgomery	1	4	Franklin
William John	1	Montgomery	5	3	"
George John	2	Portion S. of River Jeniate	3	-	Mifflin
Isaac John	1	Not returned in townships	3	5	Northumberland
Peter John	2	Lower Dublin	2	6	Philadelphia
Able John	1	Tyron	2	2	York
Joseph John	1	Tryon	-	3	York
Ickes John	3	Cumberland	4	4	York
Obra John		Cumberland	-		York
John John	1	Davy	-	1	York
John John	1	Reading	4	2	York
Jno Knisily John	1	Dover	-	1	York
Patterson John	2	Cumberland	-	3	York
					None

THE "JOHN" FAMILY

JOHN PHILLIPS

SAMUEL SR. AND MARTHA JOHN

- |                        |           |            |
|------------------------|-----------|------------|
| 1. Mary                | 4. David  | 7. Jacob   |
| 2. <u>Samuel</u> , Jr. | 5. Ellen  | 8. Rebecca |
| 3. Margaret            | 6. Daniel |            |

SAMUEL JR. AND ANN JENKINS

- |           |                 |                |
|-----------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. Martha | 4. Dorah        | 7. Samuel, 3rd |
| 2. Ruth   | 5. <u>Isaac</u> | 8. Ebenezer    |
| 3. Lydia  | 6. Mary         |                |

ISAAC AND MARGONA (BONG) JOHN

- |          |                   |             |
|----------|-------------------|-------------|
| 1. Jacob | 4. Isaac          | 7. Samuel   |
| 2. Mary  | 5. <u>Abraham</u> | 8. Margaret |
| 3. Ann   | 6. Sarah          | 9. David    |
|          |                   | 10. George  |

ABRAHAM AND MARY (FLICK) JOHN

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|-----------------|-------------|----------|
| 1. <u>Stacy</u> | 4. Levine   | 7. Sarah |
| 2. George       | 5. Angeline |          |
| 3. Hiram        | 6. Marty    |          |

STACY AND MARY (YOCUM) JOHN

1. J. C. John
2. Jonas Wesley John

JONAS WESLEY JOHN

- |           |                 |          |
|-----------|-----------------|----------|
| 1. Bessie | 4. <u>Ralph</u> | 7. Sally |
| 2. Ida    | 5. Daisy        |          |
| 3. David  | 6. Jacob        |          |

RALPH JOHN

GEORGE AND MARTHA (MEANS) JOHN

1. Elizabeth (John) Sterner

FROM GRIFFITH JOHN, SENIOR

RUBEN JOHN (Son of Griffith, Senior)

1. Martha
2. Robert
3. Townsend
4. Israel
5. Ann
6. Hannah
7. Sarah
8. Pamela

MARTHA (JOHN) JOHN

- |          |          |            |             |                 |           |          |
|----------|----------|------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------|----------|
| 1. Asa   | 2. Hiram | 3. Emily   | 4. Griffith | 5. <u>Ruben</u> | 6. Lydia  | 7. Sarah |
| 8. Jesse | 9. Elida | 10. Samuel | 11. Jehu    | 12. Eliza       | 13. Perry |          |

2. ROBERT JOHN

1. Levi John

LEVI JOHN

1. Edwin Bridget John

EDWIN BRIDGET JOHN

1. William John

GRIFFITH, SENIOR AND ANN (WILLIAMS) JOHN

- |           |                         |                  |
|-----------|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Arm    | 5. Jane                 | 9. <u>Robert</u> |
| 2. Rachel | 6. Abel                 | 10. Sarah        |
| 3. Joshua | 7. <u>Griffith, Jr.</u> | 11. Asa          |
| 4. Hannah | 8. Esther               | 12. <u>Ruben</u> |

GRIFFITH JR. AND SARAH (LLOYD) JOHN

- |            |                |              |
|------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1. Rebekah | 4. Mary        | 7. Grace     |
| 2. Asa     | 5. <u>Abia</u> | 8. Mary, 2nd |
| 3. Hannah  | 6. Rachel      | 9. Leah      |

ABIA AND MARTHA (JOHN) JOHN

- |                 |            |           |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|
| 1. Asa          | 6. Lydia   | 11. Jehu  |
| 2. Hiram        | 7. Sarah   | 12. Eliza |
| 3. Emily        | 8. Jesse   | 13. Perry |
| 4. Griffith     | 9. Elida   |           |
| 5. <u>Ruben</u> | 10. Samuel |           |

RUBEN AND SOPHIA (METTLER) JOHN

- |             |             |                    |
|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| 1. Mary Ann | 4. Isaac    | 7. <u>Lucretia</u> |
| 2. Martha   | 5. Allen    | 8. Harvey          |
| 3. Melinda  | 6. Franklin | 9. Sarah           |

LUCRETIA E. JOHN (See Lorenzo T. John)

JEHU AND PATIENCE (HOUSEWEART) JOHN

- |                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| 1. Amanda            | 5. Sarah M.    |
| 2. <u>Lorenzo T.</u> | 6. Anne E.     |
| 3. Kimber L.         | 7. Edmund J.   |
| 4. Cephas D.         | 8. Verdilia E. |

LORENZO T. AND LUCRETIA E. JOHN

1. Cynthia A.	CYNTHIA A. (JOHN) SCOTT
2. Laura V.	LAURA V. (JOHN) HARVEY
3. Mark M.	MARK M. JOHN
4. Edna I.	EDNA I. (JOHN) HENDRICKS
5. Carrie L.	CARRIE L. JOHN
6. Bert W.	BERT W. JOHN
7. Milton R.	MILTON R. JOHN
8. Clark E.	CLARK E. JOHN

1. Cynthia and John Scott

To them was born Charles B. Scott

Charles B. Scott and Frances M. Scott had four boys:

1. Lewis G. 2. Francis B. 3. Ray J. 4. Merton

To Lewis G. and Helen (Gleason) Scott was born Phyllis Ann Scott.

Francis B. Scott did not marry.

To Ray J. and Deliah (Harris) Scott was born Ray J. Scott.

Merton JC and Tome (Sekiguck) Scott.

2. Laura V. John and Ransom D. Harvey

To them was born Ada E. Harvey.

They also adopted two children, Victor and Nina.

1. Ada E. Harvey married Grover Ruesegger and they had four children.

1. Clara (Ruegsegger) and Orlyn Elwood had four children:  
Oral Kenneth, Margene, Jerry and Linda Kay.

2. Vale and Mildred (Burlen) Ruegsegger and to them was born one son, James Ray.

3. Lloyd E. Ruegsegger and Bette (Gordon) Ruegsegger had one child, Allen K. Ruegsegger.

4. Arlis Ruegsegger was killed by an automobile in 1928.

2. Victor Harvey and Arthus (Fisher) Harvey had the following children:

1. Gladys Jean Harvey who married Roger Bird.  
2. Julia Mae Harvey who married Joseph Utech and they had three daughters: Bertle Ann, Barbara, and Linda Utech.  
3. Florence Harvey.

3. Nina G. Harvey married Rupert Lemicke and to them was born one child, Betty Ruth Lemicke who married William M. Marmont.  
They had three children: Nancy Ruth, Wendy Lee and Marsha Ann.

3. Mark and Rachel (Pence) John  
To them were born two children.
  1. Harry D. died in childhood.
  2. Myrtle G. (John) who married Ernest A. Anderson.  
To them were born five children.
    1. Lowell A. Anderson married Frances Berny. To them was born Meridel F. and she married G. Daniels and they had the following children: Byron, Vicki, Douglas.
    2. Lee C. and Ruth (Oliver) Anderson. To them were born two children: Janie and Jerre Ann.
    3. Dudley A. and Lois (Wilson) Anderson. To them were born Stephen and Rebecca.
    4. Mark M. and Frances (Granberry) Anderson. To them was born Judith Anderson.
    5. Bruce A. and Barbara (Gates) Anderson. To them were born two children: Garold and Charil.
4. Edna I (John) and T. H. Hendricks  
To them were born three children.
  1. Vera 2. Erma M. (Died in childhood) 3. Paul L. Hendricks  
Vera E. married Harvey L. Jordon and to them were born two children.
    1. Frances L. who died in early life.
    2. John H. Jordon who married Katherine Schultz, and they had the following children:
      1. Beatrice 2 James 3 Vera 4 Robert Jordan.
  2. Paul L. and Sylvia Hendricks had one child, Terry J. Hendricks.
5. Carrie L. John died when she was twelve years old.
6. Bert W. and Fannie E. (Jordon) John  
To them were born four children.
  1. Oscar C. and Hazel (Johnson) John. They have no children.
  2. Roy M. and Mildred (Morningstar) John. They have no children.
  3. Floyd and Edna (Snyder) John. To them were born four children.
    1. Leona L. 2. Leland L. 3. Lila L. 4. Lyle L. John
  4. Cora L. (John) and Floyd Maurer. To them was born one child, Myron Maurer.
7. Milton R. and Edith L. (LaVanway) John.  
To them were born three children.
  1. Jesse R. and Effe (Whitehead) John.  
To them was born one child, Elois H. John.  
See page 144.

2. Leo D. and Elida (Mero) John. They had one child Beverly who married Robert Geeson.

Leo D. John married the second time. Her name was Alice Hankins.

3. Verna R. (John) and Mark Jerrow. To them was born one child named Shirley and she married Allen Graham and they had the following children:

1. Russell      2. Lawrence J.      3. Allen R.

8. Clark E. and Johanna (Olsen ) John

To them were born five children; namely 1. Morris V., 2. Percy L., 3. Joyce J., 4. Opal M., and Elva L. John.

Morris V. John and Margaret Erla (Imbrie) John had one child, Cheryl. Percy L. and Laura E. (Sanderson) John. They have adopted two children, namely; Larry D. and 2. Jeanice M. John.

Joyce and Mable E. (Andrews) John. To them were born four children, namely; 1. Sylvia J., 2. Karen M., 3. Miriam L., and 4. Clark J. John.

Opal M. (John) and Charlie R. Newman, Jr., To them were born two children, namely; 1. Joan O. and 2. Richard C. Newman.

Elva L. (John) and Frank Newman. To them were born two children, namely; 1. Robert O. Newman and 2. Carole M. Newman.

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This is the last of the children and grandchildren from Lorenzo T. and Lucretia E. John. There is a family record further back in this book.

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#### THE REST OF JEHU AND PATIENCE JOHN'S CHILDREN

2. KIMBER L. JOHN

He never married. He died in Maryville, California.

3. CEPHAS D. JOHN

To Cephas D. and Lizzie (McGregor) John were born four children, Namely; Agnes G., Mannie V., Roda E., and Nellie B. John

4. SARAH M. JOHN

To Sarah M. (John) and John Burch were born seven children, namely; 1. Georgiana, 2. Judson, 3. Willard, 4. Preston, 5. Nellie, 6. Jessie, and 7. Mildred Burch.

5. ANN ELIZA JOHN

To Eliza (John) and A. E. Biglow, were born two children, namely; 1. Frank C. and 2. Blanch (Yule) Bigelow.

6. EDMUND J. JOHN

To Edmund J. and Sarah B. (McKinstry) John were born eight children, namely; 1. Patience E., 2. Mary H., 3. Walter O., 4. Elizabeth, 5. Gertrude, 6. Ralph, 7. Joseph F. and 8. Estella B. John.

7. VERDILLA E. JOHN

To Verdilia E. (John) and Polaske D. Riggins were born three children, namely; 1. Lesley L., 2. Carroll, and 3. Verdilia E. Riggins.

OUR CONNECTIONS FROM JOHN AND ELLEN PHILLIPS

SAMUEL, SENIOR AND MARGARET JOHN

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|----------------|------------|
| 1. Mary        | 5. Ellen   |
| 2. Samuel, Jr. | 6. Daniel  |
| 3. Margaret    | 7. Jacob   |
| 4. David       | 8. Rebecca |

GRIFFITH, SENIOR AND ANN JOHN

1. Ann
2. Rachel
3. Joshua
4. Hannah
5. Jane
6. Abel
7. Griffith, Jr.
8. Esther
9. Robert
10. Sarah
11. Asa or Morton
12. Ruben

1. Rebekah John
2. Asa John
3. Hannah John
4. Mary John
5. Abia John
6. Rachel John
7. Grace John
8. Mary John
9. Leah John

1. Martha John
2. Robert John

1. Levi John

1. Edwin John

1. William John

1. Asa John
2. Hiram John
3. Emily John
4. Griffith John
5. Ruben John
6. Lydia John
7. Sarah John
8. Jesse John
9. Elida John
10. Samuel John
11. Jehu John
12. Eliza John
13. Perry John

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|-------------|---------------|
| 1. Mary Ann | 5. Allen      |
| 2. Martha   | 6. Franklin   |
| 3. Melinda  | 7. Lucretia   |
| 4. Isaac    | 8. Harvey     |
|             | 9. Sarah Jane |

1. Cynthia A.
2. Laura V.
3. Mark M.
4. Edna I.
5. Carry L.
6. Bert W.
7. Milton R.
8. Clark E.

1. Lorenzo T.
2. Cephas
3. Sarah
4. Ann
5. Edmund
6. Verdilia

1. Morris V.
2. Percy L.
3. Joyce J.
4. Opal M.
5. Elva L.

GENEALOGY OF OUR ANCESTORS

Ralph George Phillips and John Phillips, his Son.

Ralph George Phillips, and their children, namely; 1. Susanna, 2. John, 3. Edwin, 4. George, Jr., 5. Lydia, 6. Drona, 7. Mary, 8. Rebecca, and 9. Lyda Phillips.

John and Ellen Phillips and their children, namely; 1. Samuel, 2. Griffith, Senior, 3. Thomas or Morton, 4. Robert John. These last three I am not sure of. - C.E. John.

Griffith John, Senior and Ann (Williams) John and their children were, namely; 1. Arm, 2. Rachel, 3. Joshua, 4. Hannah, 5. Jane, 6. Abel, 7. Griffith, Junior, 8. Esther, 9. Robert, 10. Sarah, 11. Asa, and 12. Ruben John.

Griffith, Junior, and Sarah (Lloyd) John, and their children, namely; 1. Rebekah, 2. Asa, 3. Hannah, 4. Mary, 5. Abia, Senior, 6. Rachel, 7. Grace, 8. Mary, 2nd, and 9. Leah John.

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Ruben and Lydia (Townsend) John, the 12th child of Griffith, Senior, and Ann (Williams) John, and their children, namely; 1. Martha, 2. Robert, 3. Townsend, 4. Israel, 5. Anna, 6. Hannah, 7. Sarah, and 8. Pamela John.

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Abia and Martha John, and their children, namely; 1. Asa, 2. Hiram, 3. Emily, 4. Griffith, 5. Ruben, 6. Lydia, 7. Sarah, 8. Jesse, 9. Elida, 10. Samuel, 11. Jehu, 12. Eliza, and 13. Perry John.

Ruben and Sophia (Mettler) John, and their children, namely; 1. Mary Ann, 2. Martha, 3. Melinda, 4. Isaac, 5. Allen, 6. Franklin, 7. Lucretia, 8. Harvey, and 9. Sarah John.

Jehu and Patience (Houseweart) John and their children, namely; 1. Lorenzo, 2. Kimber, 3. Cephas, 4. Sarah, 5. Ann E., 6. Edmund, and 7. Verdilia John.

Lorenzo and Lucretia John and their children, namely; 1. Cynthia A. 2. Laura, 3. Mark M., Edna I., 5. Carrie L., 6. Bert W., 7. Milton R., and 8. Clark E. John.

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Lorenzo and Lucretia John's children and grandchildren's record.

Cynthia A. (John) Scott. One child. Charley B. Scott.  
Laura V. (John) Harvey. One child. Ada E. Harvey  
Mark M. John. Two children. 1. Harry D. John, died in childhood.  
2. Myrtle G. (John) Anderson

Edna I. (John) Hendricks. Three children. 1. Vera E. (Hendricks) Jordan  
2. Erma M. Hendricks, died in childhood.  
3. Paul L. Hendricks

Carrie L. John. Died at the age of 12.

Bert W. John. Four children. 1. Oscar C. John, 2. Roy M. John,  
3. Floyd W. John, 4. Cora L. (John) Mourer

Milton R. John. Three children.

1. Jesse R. John, 2. Leo D. John, and  
3. Verna (John) Jerrow.

Clark E. John. Five children.

1. Morris V., 2. Percy L. 3. Joyce J.  
4. Opal M. (John) Newman, Jr. and 5. Elva L.  
(John) Newman.

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#### EARLY BURIAL GROUNDS

QUAKER. At Bear Gap, Northumberland County,  
Pennsylvania

I was there in 1958. This place was not taken care of and there were weeds, brush and trees all over the graves and grounds. The old Friends Meeting House has been torn down and gone, the rocks that it stood on are still there and trees are growing where it stood. The schoolhouse that stood by is no more, and I could not find the cemetery in the brush.

A lady, Mrs. Leon Pensy<sup>1</sup>, that lives on a farm near by, helped to find the cemetery and some of our ancestors' graves. The markers were small and under the vines and brush.

We found the following:

Amous John, died on the 7th of October, 1851.

Abia John, born on the 14th of November, 1811. Died the 18th of December, 1883, age 72.

James G. John, born on the 11th of December, 1801. Died the 10th of July, 1873, age 72.

Perry John, born on the 28th of March, 1815. Died the 5th of September, 1895, age 80.

Samuel John, born in 1786. Died in 1866. Age 80. Son of Dradem C. John.

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Quaker: Catawissa, Columbia County, Pennsylvania.

I was there in 1958. This burying ground was in fine shape, nice grass and well taken care of. The old Quaker Log Meeting House was kept in nice shape and they open it up every so often for the people to see. A Mrs. Roaring showed me over the grounds. Picture of church on page 99.

I found names on tombstones of our ancestors. H. E. John, born on the 20th of November, 1828. Died the 24th of May, 1896. Stacy John, I could not read the dates. Mary John, wife of H. G. John, died the 8th of March, 1880. Age 53. E. Britton John, born in 1848. Died the 14th of July, 1872. Age 24. Hiram John, I could not make the rest out. Abraham John, born the 20th of September, 1705. Died the 24th of September, 1789. Mary John, wife of Stacy John, I could not read the dates. Mary L. John, wife of Jesse John, born in 1821. Died the 24th of November, 1861. Age 40. Isaac John, born in 1783, died 17th of January, 1844. Age 61. J. Wesley John, born in 1840. Died in 1908. Age 68. David John, I could not read the dates.

Roaring Creek, Quaker, Columbia County, Pennsylvania.

I was here in Roaring Creek in 1958. It lies back on a hill from Roaring Creek and this cemetery is kept up in nice shape. The blue grass is nicely cut. I believe that Griffith John, Junior, was buried in this cemetery, but I could not find the marker. I did find Isaac Kester's grave. Mary John, daughter of Ruben and Sophia John married a Kester.

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Uwchlan Quaker, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Johnathon Phillips died in 1799. Leah Phillips died in 1879. Butler Phillips, John Phillips in 1862, Ruthann Phillips in 1862, Joseph Phillips, John Phillips in 1866, David Phillips in 1872, Sarah Phillips in 1866 and Thomas Phillips in 1891. I found one John but could not see the date. This cemetery is not kept up and there is tall grass all over it. The stone wall is in good shape around it. General George Washington's army used this cemetery for a temporary camp ground in the Revolutionary War. His troops destroyed some of the markers. Our first ancestors were buried in this cemetery.

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TRANSFER OF DEEDS  
Rockford, Illinois  
Courthouse

Thomas John, 21st of October, 1854. Lot 4 and 5, Block 29, East Rockford.  
Wesley John, 4th of February, 1852.  
Abia John, November 18th, 1854. Lot 7, Block 9, Winnebago, Illinois.  
Luke John, 29th of May, 1858.  
George H. John, 17th of May, 1858.  
Richard John, from Edwin John, 12th of October, 1858.  
William John, 6th of October, 1852.  
Thomas John, 28th of February, 1852.  
Luke John, 17th of May, 1858.  
Richard John, 12th of October, 1858.  
William John, 6th of October, 1858.  
Gary John  
Isaac John, from John Van Natrik on the 20th of September, 1865.  
Lot 4, block 9, Winnebago, Illinois.  
Danne John  
Jehu John, from James Payrne, 1st of August, 1865. Sundin S. 35-T-27 R in Illinois.  
Jehu John, from Osmon Hutchison, on the 8th of February, 1868. The S.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 9-26-11.  
Isaac John, from Richard Rees, on the 19th of October, 1869. Lot 5 in Block 24. Robertson Old Winnebago, Illinois.  
Patience John, to Joseph D. Warner on the 1st of April, 1875, part of S.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 32, Township 26, Range 11.  
Lydia John to Mosses Barilett, on the 22nd of December, 1875.  
Elizabeth John, to Sopphronia W. Daughtery on December, 20th, 1876.  
(This is Winnebago County)

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Jacob John

Elida A. John

Edwin John and wife and Elida John, on the 8th of September, 1882, the  
S. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the S.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 13 - 20 - S.

Edwin John, Rachel and K. E. John and wife, on the 15th of December, 1883.

Elida John, to Edwin John and wife, on the 8th of September, 1882.

Rachel and H. E. John to Edwin John on the 15th of December, 1883.

Ruben John and wife to James Goodrick on the 26th of April, 1876.

5 acres in  $2\frac{1}{2}$  N. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Franklin John to Theadore Wilson, on the 2nd of February, 1888, the S.E.  
N.E. 8. N. W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  Pt. N. E. 9.

Ruben John and wife to Alfred A. Beede, on the 28th of April, 1888, Pt. N.E.

Edwin John, Elida John and wife, on the 8th of September, 1882.

Elida John, to Edwin John, on the 2nd of January, 1889.

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### THE PHILLIPS

There was a Ralph Phillips who came from Wales to the United States of America on the 23rd of January, 1685. He bought several hundred acres of low land in Bucks County, Pennsylvania where the city of Richlandtown is now located. This land was not considered worth much at that time, but in later years this land turned out to be wonderful soil. Ralph Phillips was one of the first settlers in Bucks County. I was in Bucks County in 1958, and it is a beautiful town and country now.

Ralph Phillips children were as follows: 1. Susanne, 2. John, 3. Edwin, 4. George, Junior, 5. Lydia, 6. Drona, 7. Mary, 8. Rebecca and 9. Lyda Phillips.

This Ralph Phillips was the ancestor of John Phillips on the distaff side, and John Phillips was the father of Samuel, Senior and Griffith John, Senior.

It is regretted that we cannot find out more of the history of our first ancestors in Wales as to births, marriages and the account of deaths. With my going through records and writing all over this country and Wales, this information seems shrouded from us.

John and Ellen Phillips were God loving people and at an early date were attached to the Church of England.

### The Quaker Movement in Wales

About the time of John and Ellen Phillips, the Quaker movement was well under way in Wales. The Phillips, no doubt, heard of the new Religious Society, Fox, William Penn, and their co-workers. In fact the first introduction of Quakerism in that part of Wales was through the efforts of a "John", a north Wales apostle of Quakerism in that principality.

This event bears so closely upon the history of the "John" family as to require a fuller explanation.

In 1653, Morgan Lloyd was the Priest of Wrexham, a large parish in North Wales. He began hearing a great deal about the new religious sect. He sent two reliable men of his congregation to North Wales to "try the Quakers" and bring a report to him. The result of this mission is given by George Fox in his Journal as follows:

"When these triers came among us, the power of the Lord over came them, and they both were convinced of the truth, so they stayed sometime with us and then returned to Wales, where afterwards one of them departed from his convincement, but the other, whose name was John ap John, abode in the truth and received a gift in the ministry to which he continued to be faithful."

I could not find out if John and Ellen Phillips, and others of their family came to North American when their sons Samuel, Senior, and Griffith John, Senior did, or how many children they had. There are some that quotes that others did come, but I am not able to find any clear record to prove this. This is what they quote: "1. Samuel, born in 1680; 2. Griffith, born in 1683; 3. John, born in 1685; 4. Sarah, born in 1687; 5. Robert John, born in 1689."

There was a Thomas John, whose name appears several times on papers with Samuel and Griffith John. And there was a Marton John who built the first home in Armstrong County. They may have been brothers too.

It was the custom in that part of Wales for the sons to take their father's given name. So, when Samuel, Senior, and his brother Griffith, Senior, came to this country they took their fathers's first name for their last name. They made no changes in their names here in North America.

#### FIRST GENERATION OF JOHN'S

Samuel John, Senior  
(Also see page 32 )

Samuel John, Senior was born in or near Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, Wales, in the year of 1680. He was the oldest child of John and Ellen Phillips.

He was educated for the Christian ministry in the Church of England. Being informed by those who knew him, he was a sober youth, religiously inclined, and was concerned for an inward acquaintance with the Lord, when desire being after that which is substantial, he continued seeking for many years.

He, with others, of his family and neighbors, left Wales in the fall of 1708, on a slow sailing vessel for North America. They landed in February, 1809, at the harbor or on the banks of the Delaware River where Philadelphia now stands.

They settled in Chester County, north of Downingtown. This town was started in 1702. It owes it name to Thomas Downing who had a sawmill there and it was first called Milltown. Ellen John, the fifth child of Samuel and Margaret John married William Downing of that Downing family.

This part of North America was controlled at that time by William Penn under Great Britain and was called the Providence of Pennsylvania. David Lloyd, the keeper of the Great Seal of that part of Pennsylvania, opened for sale, a portion of the two pieces of land that he bought in 1703-09, ( a part of the 40,000 acres of land William Penn had surveyed for the Welch Quakers). The

two pieces of land contained one thousand six hundred and sixty six acres. The tract that this was taken from was called the Welch Tract. David Lloyd's tract was called, the Welch Barney. The Welch Tract covered 62 square miles in Chester and Delaware Counties. This was surveyed in 1681, Lloyd's in 1715, and was in Uwchlan and Goshen Townships.

Samuel John, Senior, and Griffith John, Senior, with some others were the first to buy and settle there. Others were; James Pough, Cadwalader John or Jones, Robert Benson, David Cadwalader, John Evans, John Davis, Morris Rees, David Evans, Rees Jones, Humphry Lloyd, Noble Butler, Joseph Phillips, David Davis and the Phillips family.

Soon after coming to this country, Samuel joined the Quakers or Friends as they are sometimes called. He had for quite sometime been under some conviction of the principle of the truth as held by them, and being measurably faithful to the manifestation of grace received. The Lord was pleased to bestow upon him a dispensation to preach in which he believed. He labored faithfully and became a sound and able minister. His setting in for divine worship was solid and exemplary often in silence. Though at times when moved thereto, doctrine hath dropped from him as the dew, and his speech distilled as the small rain to refresh the hungry and thirsty soul.

He was an example of plainness and moderation. His conversation was weighty and instructive, also very encouraging to those who were well minded.

Lots of small sayings were found among his papers which appear as the product of his private meditation on Heavenly things.

It was his lot to pass through divers baptizing and afflicting circumstances, occasioned by him of some who ought to have been a comfort to him in his declining years. He bore with patience. He retained his greatness to the last with a pleasant and happy frame of mind.

He often expressed himself in deep sensible and affecting manner to those who visited him during his last weakness, which continued for a considerable time, being confined at home through bodily infirmity and old age for near two years before his decease. He quickly departed this life on the 16th of November, 1766, in his 87th year. He was a minister nearly fifty-four years.

He was buried on the 18th of the same month, when a solemn meeting was held, wherein the overshadowing of truth was measurably felt, under the influence whereof the unruly warned and the feeble minded comforted.

#### ISAAC JOHN AND HIS DESCENDANTS

The sale of land continued. Witnessed that Isaac John, for and in consideration of the sum of five hundred and eighty pounds, eighty shillings and nine pence by him paid Christian Dewold.

Description: Beginning at pine tree, then by land of Charles Gough, east one hundred and eighty-four perches to stone, north sixteen perches to a post, then south ninety perches to a chestnut tree, south eight degrees, west seven perches to a hickory tree, then north one hundred and eighty two perches to the place of starting. This was a portion of the 312 acres patented to Isaac John when he first moved there.

There were no white people living in that part of Columbia County when Isaac

John first settled there. There were lots of Indians. The little Borough of Catawissa, joining them, was an Indian town.

The hardships that they had to go through in those early years were really something and in so many ways too. There were but few places to get supplies, and not much money to buy with. In the year, 1778, they were driven out from their homes twice by the Indians. (I was at that place in 1958, and 1960.) When the thirteen colonies had their money depression after the Revolutionary War, they lost a hundred pounds in Continental Currency, which was a big blow to them. But through it all, they raised their large families in that log house and that wild country.

He lived there the rest of his life and was buried in that Borough of Catawissa, Quaker burying ground. He died on the 17th of January, 1844, at the age of 94.

Isaac and Margona (Bong) John, Descendants.

Jacob John, the first child of Isaac and Margona (Bong) John, was born (no record) in 1778.

Mary John, the second child of Isaac and Margona (Bong) John, was born on the 10th of March, 1780.

Ann John, the third child of Isaac and Margona (Bong) John, was born on the (no record) in 1781.

Isaac John, Junior, the fourth child of Isaac and Margona (Bong) John, was born on the (no record) in 1783.

Abraham John, the fifth child of Isaac and Margona (Bong) John, was born on the 20th of September, 1785.

He married Mary Flick and to them were born seven children, namely; 1. Stacy, 2. George, 3. Hiram, 4. Levine, 5. Angeline, 6. Mary A. and 7. Sarah John. Angeline married Samuel John, the son of Abia and Martha John.

#### Abraham John's children

Stacy John, the first child of Abraham and Mary (Flick) John, was born in his grandfathers's old log house.

He married Mary Yocum, the daughter of John Yocum. To them were born at least two sons and their names were J. C. John and Jonas Wesley John.

Stacy John was a medical doctor and stood at the top of the medical profession in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. He combined with his medical knowledge a sympathy and kindness of character which greatly endeared him to those who were in need of his service and his constant contacts with his patients and their sufferings had so broadened his life as to render him capable of taking part in all the activities of the city where he established his home. Dr. Stacy John, was born on the 15th of February, 1813.

J. C. John, son of J. Stacy and Mary (Yocum) John, was born in his great grandfather's (Isaac John) old log homestead. He was a doctor and he lived and had his practice in Sunbury, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. He had a large practice and stood at the top of his profession in medicine with the doctors around there.

Jonas Wesley John, the son of Stacy and Mary (Yocum) John, was born also in his great grandfather's old log house in the year of 1840.

J. W. John married Sarah Brown and to them were born seven children, namely; 1. Bessie 2. Ida, 3. David, 4. Ralph, 5. Daisy, 6. Jacob and 7. Sally John.

He was a lawyer and on the 12th of January, 1904, he was elected to the Supreme Court as a Judge. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and was a great temperance worker.

He died in 1908. He was buried in the Friends burying grounds at Catawissa County, Pennsylvania.

Ralph John, the fourth child of J.W. and Sarah (Brown) John, was born on the 20th of December, 1870, in Main Township, Columbia County, Pennsylvania. He studied law and then practiced law in Bloomsburg. He was the leading attorney there.

George John, was the tenth child of Isaac and Margona (Bong) John. He married Martha Means. To them were born the following children:

1. Jane - married James Grimer
2. Elizabeth - married John Sterner
3. Martha - married John DeWitt
4. Mary - married Isaac McKamy

To Elizabeth (John) Sterner were born nine children.

1. George Sterner, Junior
2. James Sterner
3. Wilber Sterner
4. Lloyd Sterner
5. Alice Sterner
6. Caroline Sterner
7. George Sterner, Junior
8. Esther Sterner
9. Catherine Sterner

Lloyd P. Sterner, the fourth child of John and Elizabeth (John) Sterner married Nora M. Finney on the 8th of July, 1898. She was related to the Fulton family and in recognition of this relationship, she was invited to the Hudson-Fulton celebration in New York City, in September, 1911, as a special guest.

Lloyd P. Sterner was born on the third of November, 1858, near Orangeville, Pennsylvania. To Lloyd P. and Nora M. (Finney) Sterner were born three children, namely; Robert Fulton Sterner, 2. Alas Pawine Sterner, and 3. James Henry Sterner.

Lloyd P. Sterner was for many years supervising principal of the schools of Bloomsburg, then he was made District Superintendent of the Borough of Bloomsburg Schools. Professor Lloyd Sterner's mother was a "John", so he is a member of the John family. He was a descendant of Isaac John, who was one of the pioneers of Columbia County, Pennsylvania.

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#### ROBERT FULTON

Robert Fulton was born on the 14th of November, 1765, in Little Britain, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. His father died when he was but three years old and his mother was left with five children. Robert did not have much education and did not like school. Besides he had to work to help his mother with the family. When he was ten years old, he said to his teacher, "That his head was full of his own ideas, that there was no room for storage of old dusty books". He was a drawer and painter in early years and then turned to inventing. Some of the things that he invented were: submarine, sky rocket, iron bridge conduit, canal locks and the steam boat and had an English patent in 1787. James Watt worked with him for a while.

He married Harriet Livingston. He died February 24, 1815, in New York.

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#### SAMUEL JOHN, SENIOR AND HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN

Samuel John's wife was Margaret. I could not find any record of her maiden name or where she was from. Their children were:

1. Mary    2. Samuel, Junior    3. Margaret    4. David    5. Ellen    6. Daniel
7. Jacob    8. Rebecca

Mary John, the first child of Samuel, Senior and Margaret John, was born on the 19th of December, 1709, in Chester County, Pennsylvania. About ten months after their arrival in North America Mary was born. She married John Griffith on the 31st of September, 1737.

Samuel John, Junior, the second child of Samuel, Senior and Margaret

John, was born on the 22nd of November, 1711, in Chester County, Pennsylvania. He married Ann Jenkin. They had a Quaker wedding.

#### Their Wedding

First, Samuel John, Junior and Ann Jenkin declared their intentions of marriage at the Uwchlan Monthly Meeting on August 14, 1737. A committee was appointed to make inquiry regarding the engagement. At the next Monthly Meeting, if the report being favorable, they were permitted to proceed in marriage. The marriage certificate and record shows, Samuel John and Ann Jenkins, both of the same place, Uwchland Township, Pennsylvania.

Samuel John, Junior, son of Samuel John, Senior, and Ann Jenkin, daughter of Evan Jenkin, were married at a Meeting appointed for that purpose at the Uwchlan Meeting House, on October 14, 1737.

The witnesses and signers were:

Samuel and Margaret John - The parents  
Evan and Sarah Jenkin - The parents  
Mary Pough  
John and Margaret Evans  
Ellen John  
Elizabeth Jenkin  
and twenty others.

Samuel, Junior and Ann (Jenkin) John's children were:

1. Mert or Martha, born in 1739, Chester County, Pennsylvania.
2. Ruth, born on the 24th of June 1741, in Chester County.  
She married Job Pough on the 15th of November, 1759.
3. Lydia, born on the 7th of September, 1745, Chester County, Pennsylvania. She married John Maulsby on May 21, 1766.
4. Dorah, born on the 8th of March, 1748, Chester County, Pennsylvania.
5. Isaac, born on the 19th of December, 1749, Chester County, Pennsylvania. He married Lydia Thomas on the 19th of December, 1765. He died on the 17th of January, 1844. (More of this record on page 34 )
6. Mary, born on the 11th of August, 1751.
7. Samuel, the 3rd, born on the 18th of September, 1753, Chester County, Pennsylvania. He married Ann Pemrose.
8. Ebenezer, born on the 7th of September, 1755. He married Sarah Baley in Tennessee. To them were born eleven children, namely;

1. Samuel
2. Elisha (Died in Illinois)
3. Jacob (Died in Oregon)
4. David
5. Isaac
6. Ann
7. Elizabeth
8. Katherine
9. Ruth (Died in Iowa)
10. Sarah (Died in Oregon)
11. Ebenezer John, Junior (It mentions in the abstract of wills in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, page 61, Vol. XV. Pubs. Ado of Pennsylvania, that they were children of Samuel and Elizabeth, his first wife.)

Margaret John, the third child of Samuel. Senior and Margaret John, was born on the 2nd of January, 1713, Chester County, Pennsylvania. She married John Evans on the 8th of October, 1733, at the Uwchlan Meeting House. It is stated by some that she married the second time to a Mr. James.

David John, the fourth child of Samuel, Senior and Margaret John, was born on the 30th of November, 1714, Chester County, Pennsylvania. He married (I do not have this record). He was the supervisor of roads in Chester County, Pennsylvania. He died on the 2nd of December, 1734.

Ellen John, the fifth child of Samuel, Senior and Margaret John, was born on the 28th of February, 1716, Chester County, Pennsylvania. She married Downing at the Uwchlan Meeting House on the 10th of October, 1741. He was of the Downing family that gave the name to the Borough of Downingtown in the County of Chester, Pennsylvania. He was a miller. William and Ellen (John) Downing had a son born on the 25th of March, 1759, and he married Rebecca Starr at East Sadbury Meeting House on the 24th of April, 1781.

Daniel John, the sixth child of Samuel, Senior and Margaret John, was born on the 12th of February, 1720, Chester County, Pennsylvania. He married Elizabeth Rees, the daughter of James Rees, on the eleventh of March, 1743, at the Uwchland Meeting House.

Jacob John, the seventh child of Samuel, Senior, and Margaret John, was born on the (no record). 1722.

Rebecca John, the eighth child of Samuel, Senior, and Margaret John, was born on the (no record). She married Stephen Phillips.

#### Samuel John, Junior's Children

##### ISAAC JOHN

Isaac John, the fifth child of Samuel, Junior and Ann (Jenkin) John, the grandson of Samuel and Margaret John, was born on the 19th of December, 1749, Chester County, Pennsylvania. He married Lydia Thomas in Chester County.

He moved first to Berks County when his parents moved. Then in 1772, he moved to Catawissa Valley, Columbia County. He was the first white man to live in Main Township. There was a man by the name of John Evans had settled farther north in 1770. Others settled in the valley later. He had bought 300 acres of heavy timber land.

He built a one and a half story log house on this land. To get to the upstairs they used a ladder outside to get to a door on the roof. He cleared part of the land so they could raise crops. Evan Owens and John Doan settled there a little later.

The Catawissa Creek ran through Isaac John's farm, and it reached to the Susquehanna River on the north.

He married the second time to Margona Bong. Isaac John had these children, namely;

1. Jacob John, born in 1778
2. Mary Davis John, born March 10, 1780.
3. Ann John, born in 1781.
4. Isaac John, born in 1783.
5. Abraham John, born in 1785.
6. Sarah John, born in 1787.
7. Samuel John, born in 1789.
8. Margaret John, born in 1791.
9. David John, born in 1792.
10. George John, born in 1793.

#### COURTHOUSE IN BLOOMSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Deed Book, Page 493, 1797. Sale of a portion of Isaac John's farm, Isaac John and his wife to Charles Dewold. This indenture made this 15th day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninty-seven, between Isaac John of Catawissa Township, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, with Margaret, his wife, on one part and Charles and Christeen Dewold of Bethlehem town, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

FIRST GENERATION

OUR BRANCH OF THE "JOHN" FAMILY

FROM

JOHN AND ELLEN PHILLIPS

GRIFFITH JOHN, SENIOR

THE

"EMIGRANT"

OUR FIRST GENERATION OF JOHN'S  
GRIFFITH JOHN, SENIOR  
"THE EMIGRANT"

Griffith John, Senior, was born in or near the Parish of Haverfordwest, in the principality of Pembrokeshire, Wales, in the year of 1683. He was the son of John and Ellen Phillips, and they were descendants of Ralph Phillips (on the distaff side) who came from Wales to North America in 1685, and settled in Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

Griffith with his brother Samuel John, (and probably others of their family and others from that part of Wales), emigrated to North America starting in the fall of 1708, in a sailing vessel and after several months on the Atlantic Ocean, on the 11th of February, 1709, tired and weary from that long and hard voyage. They had gone through bad storms and they had been short of food and fresh water, but they were thankful to God that they were able to reach this promise land and so glad to get out from the oppression that they had to suffer in Wales from the tyranny of the British Nobles and come to a place where they could have their religious freedom. They were mostly Quakers.

Griffith John, in his youth, was an earnest seeker after righteousness and he became measurably convinced of the principles of truth as held by the Quakers or Friends, by pursuing William Penn's key to Christian knowledge before he had much outward acquaintance with them. Coming over to this country when a young man, he soon joined the Friends in their religious fellowship and being faithful to the manifestations of Divine Grace in his heart he had the gift of the ministry bestowed upon him, which, together with his exemplary life and conversion manifested him to be a Heaven minded man, much redeemed from the love and spirit of this world.

He was not anxious about the increase of outward riches, but was content with a small share thereof. He thankfully received only so much as served for bodily support with great simplicity and plainness. Being a testimony against all superfluity and everything tending to exalt the mind of man to promote worldly greatness in any degree, he sought above all the Kingdom of Heaven and the righteousness thereof.

He was a lover of peace among his brethren and in his neighborhood and by precept and example, labored to promote it, being at times concerned, by travel about on foot, even in advanced age, to his friends houses, paying short visits in true Christian love, and dropping weighty and edifying hints, at sometimes, tending to stir up the pure mind and scarcely anything being said by him but what had a tendency that way.

He was a remarkable and worthy example, in constant and early attending religious meetings, until upward of ninety years of age. With weakness and infirmity he was confined at home and under went great bodily affliction with true Christian fortitude and resignation to Divine Will, patiently waiting his change which was on the 29th of the sixth month, 1778, age about ninety-five. He had been a minister for nearly 70 years.

Griffith John, Senior, married Ann Williams, the daughter of Robert and Gwen Williams, on the twenty-third day of the seventh month in the year of 1714, in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Griffith John, Senior, made his first declaration for marriage at the Monthly

Meeting in Goshen on the 26th of May, 1714. A committee of Peter Tayler and Hough Davis was appointed to investigate. On June 30th, the committee having reported favorable, the couple renewed their declaration. Permission was granted for their marriage.

At the next meeting on the 23rd of July, 1714, the marriage was performed in an orderly manner and our ancestors started out on their married life together and lived together about sixty years in happiness until death separated them.

To Griffith, Senior and Ann (Williams) John, were born twelve children:

- |           |                            |           |
|-----------|----------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Arm    | 5. Jane                    | 9. Robert |
| 2. Rachel | 6. Abel                    | 10. Sarah |
| 3. Joshua | 7. <u>Griffith, Junior</u> | 11. Asa   |
| 4. Hannah | 8. Esther                  | 12. Ruben |

(Detailed record on page 40 )

Robert Williams, the father of Ann (Williams) John, came from Wales to North America at an early date. He married Gwen Cadwalader in the home of Hugh Roberts, a noted Quaker. He was called or known as "The King of Goshen," in early history.

Ann (Williams) John, the wife of Griffith, John, Senior, died on the thirteenth day of the first month in the year of 1782. Age 82. She out lived her husband about four years.

Both she and her husband, Griffith, Senior, were buried in the Uwchlan Friends burying ground beside the Meeting House, where they had so labored for their Master so many years. They lie there to await the final Resurrection, when all that have "done well" will hear the "well done".

I was there in 1957 and 1958. Their graves were not marked, but were most likely marked at time of burial. The burying ground was not taken care of. The high stone wall around the ground was in perfect shape. The old Quaker Meeting House still stands there. It's stone walls were in good shape but other parts of the building shows age. It has not been used for a great number of years. It stands there in memory of those faithful ones who spent their lives for God and the betterment of their fellow men.

This Quaker Meeting House was used by General George Washington's men for a temporary hospital and the burying ground for a temporary place to camp for the sick and wounded soldiers. Some soldiers were buried there. On January 8, 1778, the medical officers of the Continental Army asked for the key to the Meeting House for its use and they were refused. They forced their way into the Meeting House. The Friends held their meetings at George Thomas's home.

When I was there in Uwchlan, the big frame house across the street from the Meeting House was still standing where George Washington had his Quarters during the Revolutionary War. This is located in Lionville, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

All of Griffith, Senior, and Ann (Williams) John's children grew to mature age, except a boy who died in childhood. In later years most of their children moved to other parts of the state, except Griffith John, Junior, who remained on the old homestead near Uwchland. He took care of his parents

in their declining years. The old home farm was willed to him.

Griffith John, Senior nor his brother Samuel John, Senior, could never speak English free from a strong tinge of their native tongue. The early Meetings were held with the Welch speaking.

Griffith John, Senior, bought 100 acres of land about twenty-five miles west of Philadelphia, and one and one-half miles west of Lionville, and settled there in 1714.

The first settlers in this tract in Uwchlan Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, were: David Cadwalader, John Evans, James Pough, Cadwalader John or Jones, Robert Benson, John Davis, Morris Rees, David Butler, Rees Jones, David Davis, Evan Evans, Samuel John, Griffith John, Thomas John, and the Phillips family.

#### Record of Deeds

Quote: "David Lloyd, through William Penn; the Governor of Pennsylvania, by patent, and the Seal of the Providence bought two parcels of land on the 8th of November, 1703, and in 1709, in Goshen and Uwchlan Townships, Chester County, Pennsylvania. These two parcels contained one thousand six hundred and sixty-six acres of land.

#### Griffith John

David Lloyd to Griffith John, on the 2nd of June in the year of our Lord, 1715, between David Lloyd of Chester County, Pennsylvania, and his wife, of the one part, and Griffith John, of Uwchlan Township, of the same county; you are the second part; William Penn, the Governor of Pennsylvania by patent, signed by Conveyancer of Property, Griffith Owens, Thomas Story and James Logan."

#### Transfer of Land for Uwchlan Meeting - Public Library in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

John Cadwalader of Uwchlan, by deed on the 2nd of June, 1715, purchased of David Lloyd, Chester County, Pennsylvania, 250 acres of land. Then on the 16th of January, 1716, sold to Thomas Fell all that tenement and plantation, where Y" S", John Cadwalader dwells, "excepting out of these presents a piece of ground on "Y" side of the Kings Road which Y" S" John Cadwalader allotted for a burying ground and to set a Meeting House for Y 2 people called Quakers. James Pough and Samuel John, were appointed overseers of the Meeting on the 29th of August, 1716.

They built a small log Meeting House which they used a great many years. Then in 1756, their membership had increased so they built a large stone Meeting House beside the burying ground. They called this place "The Friends Uwchlan Meeting House". In a few years they did some remodeling and built a high stone fence around the grounds. Isaac Lewis and David Owens left a small legacy in 1771, towards the walling the Uwchlan cemetery. And at the same time Thomas Evans gave them more land to enlarge the grounds. Joseph Phillips gave about \$400.00 and James Speary gave \$250.00 to help wall the cemetery.

Uwchlan was spelled at one time "Youchland and Youghland". The Uwchlan Monthly Meetings began on the 8th month in 1716. The representatives from 1716, to 1720 were: Joseph Helsby, James Pough, Thomas Fell, Thomas John, Hugh Davis, Isaac Vernon, Samuel John, Calwalader Jones, Joseph Phillips, Robert Benson, Griffith John, Peter Tayler and Samuel Phillips.

SECOND GENERATION  
FROM  
GRIFFITH, SENIOR AND ANN (WILLIAMS) JOHN'S CHILDREN

Arm John

Arm John, the first child of Griffith, Senior and Ann (Williams) John, was born on the third day of the tenth month, and the seventh day of the week in the year 1715, in Uwchlan Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania. She married John Benson in 1739. She died on the second day of the twelfth month in the year of 1790. Age 75.

Rachel John

Rachel John, the second child of Griffith, Senior and Ann (Williams) John, was born on the twenty-eighth day of the twelfth month, in the year of 1717, in Uwchlan Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania. She married James Benson in 1742. She died on the eleventh day of the ninth month, in the year of 1760, and on the fifth day of the week about nine in the morning. Age 43.

Joshua John

Joshua John, the third child of Griffith, Senior and Ann (Williams) John, was born on the thirty-first of the first month, and the sixth day of the week, in the year of 1721, in Uwchlan Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania. He married Rachel Davis on the 3rd of October, 1745. He died in 1804. Age 67.

Hannah John

Hannah John, the fourth child of Griffith, Senior and Ann (Williams) John, was born on the nineteenth day of the first month, and the third day of the week, in the year of 1723, in Uwchlan Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania. She married John Davis in 1743. She died in 1804. Age 85.

Jane John

Jane John, the fifth child of Griffith, Senior and Ann (Williams) John, was born on the fifth day of the second month, and the second day of week, in the year of 1725, in Uwchlan Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania. She married Enock Meredith in 1753. She died on the seventh day of the ninth month, and the second day of the week, in the year of 1795. Age 70.

Abel John

Abel John, the sixth child of Griffith, Senior and Ann (Williams) John, was born on the twenty-second day of the seventh month and the sixth day of the week, in the year of 1727. He married Mary

Fisher in 1755. He died in the year of 1801. Age 74.

Griffith John, Junior

Griffith John, Junior, the seventh child of Griffith, Senior and Ann (Williams) John, was born on the twenty-sixth day of the eighth month, and the first day of the week, in the year of 1729, in Uwchlan Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

He married Sarah Lloyd on the thirteenth day of the third month, in the year of 1752. He died in 1811, and was buried in the Roaring Creek Quaker burying ground, Columbia County, Pennsylvania. Age 82 wanting five days.

( A more complete record on page 48 )

Esther John

Esther John, the eighth child of Griffith, Senior and Ann (Williams) John, was born on the third day of the first month, and the sixth day of the week, in the year of 1731, in Uwchlan Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania. She married a Mr. McClean. She was married the second time to a Mr. Pyle. She died in the eleventh month of the year 1811. Age 79.

Robert John

Robert John, the ninth child of Griffith, Senior and Ann (Williams) John, was born on the twenty-second day of the seventh month, and the first day of the week, at eight in the morning, in the year of 1734, in Uwchlan Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania. He married Asenith Phillips in 1759. He died in the year of 1760. Age 26.

Sarah John

Sarah John, the tenth child of Griffith, Senior and Ann (Williams) John, was born on the first day of the ninth month, and the second day of the week, in the year of 1736, in Uwchlan Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania. She married a Mr. William Dillon in 1773. She died in 1774. Age 38.

Asa John

Asa John, the eleventh child of Griffith, Senior and Ann (Williams) John, was born on the fourteenth day of the ninth month, and the sixth day of the week, in the year of 1740, in Uwchlan Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania. He died in childhood.

Ruben John

Ruben John, the twelfth child of Griffith, Senior and Ann (Williams) John, was born on the twentieth day of the first month, and the sixth day of the week, in the year of 1743, in Uwchlan Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

He married Lydia Townsend, the daughter of John and Joanna

Townsend, Her mother was born in Trent Staffordshire, England.

He married the second time to Jane Yocum in 1802. He died on the eleventh day of the twelfth month, in the year of 1823. Age 81.

( A list of his children are on page 45 )

#### GRIFFITH JOHN, SENIOR'S WILL

Ann John, his wife to have the east room of the house, wood cut of proper length, 1 good cow, 15 bushels of wheat, (ground) and brought to her house)  $\frac{1}{4}$  of all the dried apples, 6 pounds of good wool, and 20 shillings of Pennsylvania currency paid yearly, all household goods their value and disposal, and if she chooses to move away all household goods and 15 pounds of Pennsylvania currency paid yearly.

2. Son Joshua to have 25 pounds of Pennsylvania currency.
3. Son Abel to have 15 pounds of Pennsylvania currency.
4. Son Ruben to have 15 pounds of Pennsylvania currency.
5. Daughter Hannah (John) Davis to have 15 pounds of Pennsylvania currency.
6. Daughter Jane (John) Meredith to have 15 pounds of Pennsylvania currency.
7. Daughter Arm (John) Benson to have 15 pounds of Pennsylvania currency.
8. Daughter Esther (John) McLean to have 15 pounds of Pennsylvania currency.
9. Grandson Jehu John, son of Robert John, to have 10 shillings when he is 21.
10. Four grandchildren, James, Benjamin, Joudtion, and Ann (John) Benson, children of Rachel (John) Benson, to have 10 shillings each.
11. Uwchlan Monthly Meeting to have 10 shillings for the use of the poor.
12. Son of Griffith John, Junior, the executor, to have the plantation, reserving house and lot on which Ruben John resides for his use.

#### West Chester Historical Society Goshen Meeting Marriages

John Griffith of Uwchlan, to Mary John, August 31, 1734.  
Margaret John, of Samuel John, to John Evans, October 14, 1737.  
Anna Jenkins, of Evan, to Samuel John, October 6, 1733.  
Samuel John, to Samuel John, to Ann Jenkins, October 14, 1737.  
Owen John, son of William John, to Sarah Jones, March 30th, 1738.  
Ellen John, of Samuel John, to William Downing, October 10, 1741.  
Daniel John, of Samuel John, to Elizabeth Rees, November 20, 1742.  
Sarah John, widow of Owen John, to Thomas Martin, April 7, 1750.  
Griffith John, son of Griffith John, to Sarah Lloyd, May 13, 1752.  
Abel John, son of Griffith John, to Mary Fisher, October 8, 1755.  
Thomas John, son of Owen John, to Elizabeth Hoops, May 1, 1765.  
Sarah Jones, of Cadwalader Jones, to Owen John, March 13, 1752.  
Thomas Martin, of John Martin, to Sarah John, April 7, 1750.  
Elizabeth Rees, of James Rees, to Daniel John, November 20, 1745.

#### Uwchlan Meeting

William Dillon, son of Richard Dillon, to Sarah John, May 20, 1745.  
Cornelious Garretson, to Hannah John, August 5, 1791.  
Isaac John, son of Samuel John, and Ann John, to Lydia Thomas, June 19, 1765.

Lydia John, of Samuel and Ann John, to John Manlshy, May 21, 1766.  
Sibilla John, of Joshua John, to William Coopes, June 25, 1778.  
Sarah John, of Joshua John, to Edwards Jones, September 20, 1787.

Swarthmore Quaker College in Pennsylvania

There was an early settler in Pennsylvania named Griffith John, and his children took their fathers given name Griffith for their last name. This Griffith John, was from Marion Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

John Evans was from William John of Gwognedd, and Robert Owens was a cousin of Griffith John.

Blinkley Papers, Folson Club, Louisville, Kentucky

There was a Griffith John, and Ann, his wife, had a son by the name of Robert John, born on the 22nd of July, 1734, and died on the 7th of September, 1760. Age 26. He was disowned by Uwchlan Monthly Meeting for marrying out of the Friends Meeting.

They had a son named Jehu John, born on the 2nd of December, 1759, in Chester County. His mother's name before marriage was Asenith Phillips.

Jehu John married Elizabeth Davis, in Chester County, on the 8th of November, 1781. And to them were born eight children, namely;

1. Robert, Junior, born the 16th of March, 1783.
2. Naomi, born in 1786.
3. Lydia, born on the 29th of October, 1788.
4. Enock, born on the 7th of February, 1791.
5. Asenith, born on the 20th of May, 1795.
6. Jehu, Junior, born on the 5th of January, 1796.
7. Elizabeth, born on the 3rd of August, 1799.
8. Isaac John, born on the 28th of July, 1802.

Robert John

Robert John, son of Jehu and Elizabeth John, had seven children.

1. Nancy John, born on the 30th of January, 1810.
2. Emily John, born on the 9th of October, 1811.
3. Maria John, born on the 26th of April, 1814.
4. Elizabeth John, born on the 24th of October, 1816.
5. Rachel John, born on the 30th of September, 1818.
6. Robert G. John, born on the 19th of August, 1820.
7. Mary Asenith John, born on the 21st of April, 1828.

Ruben and Lydia (Townsend) John, to them were born these children, namely;

1. Martha John, born on the 15th of October, 1768.
2. Robert John, born on the 28th of February, 1771.
3. Joanna John, born on the 20th of January, 1773.
4. Pamela John, born on the 24th of June, 1775.
5. Ann John, born on the 26th of December, 1776.
6. Sarah John, born on the 5th of November, 1778.
7. Phoebe John, born on the 23rd of July, 1780.
8. Lydia John, born on the 3rd of June, 1782.

9. Townsend John, born on the 20th of February, 1784.
10. Isaac John, born on the 16th of December, 1787.

Joshua John, son of Griffith and Ann John, married Rachel Davis on the 3rd of October, 1745. To them were born these children, namely;

1. Libe John, born on the 25th of December, 1745.
2. Sarah John, born on the 13th of May, 1747.
3. Elizabeth John, born on the 15th of August, 1749.
4. Sibilla John, born on the 3rd of August, 1753.
5. Griffith John, born on the 2nd of May, 1755.
6. Abner John, born on the 22nd of August, 1757.
7. Rachel John, born on the 22nd of June, 1759.
8. Isaiah John, born on the 12th of July, 1761.
9. Hannah John, born on the 15th of July, 1763.
10. Ann John, born on the 7th of August, 1765.

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The writer of this history was at the place and over the ground where Griffith John, Senior, and his family lived and worked in those early years, to the old Friends Meeting House, and the burying ground by the church where they were buried. What a thrill it did give me to stand where they stood. I was there in 1956-57 and 58.

If this generation and the next generation would get back to more of the Christian living, more prayer and Bible reading, there would be less crime in our land.

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The Birmingham Quaker Meeting House was used by General Washington during the Revolutionary War for his quarters for a while. Afterwards he had his quarters in Lionville across from the Uwchlan Quaker Meeting House. The Birmingham Meeting House was built in 1722.

The early settlers there made their own clothes. They grew the flax and raised the sheep for wool. They made the thread, wove the cloth and home manufactured it into garments.

The Welch Quakers that settled in Uwchlan Township at that time, rested not with loaded guns and drawn swords within their reach, neither did they have a shivering sentry on guard. From the very first there were friendly relations with the Indians.

George Phillips, one of the first settlers in Bucks County at Richlandtown, Pennsylvania, came from Wales to North America on the 23rd of January, 1683. Of this family was Griffith John, who was born in Pembrokeshire, Wales, 1683, came to North America landing in Philadelphia on the 11th of February, 1709. He was one of the first purchasers in a Welch Colony, that was known as the "Welch Barney", on the 23rd of July, 1714.

The Indians in that part of Pennsylvania at that time of the coming of the white men were known as the Algonquian Tribe. Their chief was Wengebone. He signed the papers of sale to William Penn when he bought that 40,000 acres from the Indians.

Sarah H. John, the tenth child of Griffith John, Senior, married Morris Wilson. There was a Griffith John that married Sarah Cope. There was a Samuel John, son of V.P. John. Also there was an Agnes (Dundore) John. There was a John married to Fannie Fox. A Sarah Lucretia John and a John John and others connected with our ancestors in one way or another. I cannot quite connect them.

On Edgemont Street in Chester, Pennsylvania, is a small burying ground. It is located on a business street between two store buildings and it lies on ground about eight feet above the sidewalk. It was established in 1683. It has a retaining wall in the front. In this burying ground is buried David Lloyd and his wife, with others of that day.

Many of the traits of character, determination, self sacrifice, valor industry and a simple trust in God that made it possible for those pioneers to convert a wilderness into a civilized land, are still reflected in the lives of so many of their descendants.

Lincoln's ancestors were Quakers. His birth place was called "Sinking Springs Farm". It was three miles south of Hodges Mill in Harden County, Kentucky. His mother was Nancy (Hanks) Lincoln and his father was Thomas Lincoln.

#### The Todd Family

J. W. Todd, married Elizabeth Pergin, the daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Essick) Pergin, on the 16th day of May, 1834. To them were born eight children, namely; 1. Sally Todd, 2. Jeanette Todd, 3. Mary Todd, 4. Ann Todd, 5. James Todd, 6. Emarette Todd, 7. John Todd and 8. Samuel Todd.

Sally Todd married Jesse Rogers.

Jeanette Todd married William Kranser. She married the second time to Trastress B. Ives.

Mary Todd married Abraham Lincoln.

Ann Todd married Benton Ives.

Emarette Todd married Edwin G. John.

Clara V. Todd married Samuel Unfield.

John Todd was born in Wallis Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

He paid his father \$200.00 for his time till he was twenty-one.

There was a John Walter that married J.J. John's widow. And there was a Eliza John, who was the mother of Dr. J. G. John, a prominent doctor in Shamokin, Pennsylvania.

Ruben John, the twelfth child of Griffith, Senior, and Ann (Williams) John, married Eliza Lydia Townsend. And to them were born eight children, namely; 1. Martha who married Abia John, Senior, 2. Robert, 3. Townsend, 4. Israel, 5. Ann who married Ezra Hayes, 6. Hannah who married Abraham Griffith, 7. Sarah H. married George Yanney. Sarah and George Yanney had a daughter named May Ann Yanney and she married Franklin Jefferis. She died in 1891.

Levi E. John, the son of Robert John, the grandson of Ruben John, was born in Uwchlan Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania. He was a brick layer by trade. He married Eliza Ann Retrue and to them were born four children, namely; 1. Edwin Bridget, 2. Robert, 3. Ann M. and 4. Heurielba John.

Edwin Bridget John, son of Levi E. and Eliza John, was born in Uwchlan Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, on the 1st of June, 1835. He was a blacksmith by trade. He was a member of the Dunkard or Brethern Church. He was a Civil War Veteran and a private in Company H. 124 of Pennsylvania. He held several county offices and was a Republican. He married Mary Ann Landis, who was born on the 15th of December, 1842. To them were born six children, namely; 1. William L. 2. Ella, 3. Amanda, 4. Harvey E. 5. Norman R. and 6. Frank M. John.

Daniel Landas, the father of Mary Ann (Landas) John, the wife of Edwin B. John, married Elizabeth (Todd) Jones. These Jones came to North America in 1712.

There is a little graveyard near Egal, Chester County, Pennsylvania, that has a walled up grave with a plaque on the side with these Jones names on it.

Mary Ann (Landas) John was a cousin of Mary (Todd) Lincoln, the wife of President Abraham Lincoln. Daniel Landas married the first time to Sarah (Whitman) Jones of Hall, Massachusetts. She probably died shortly after her marriage.

SECOND GENERATION

OUR BRANCH OF THE "JOHN" FAMILY

FROM

GRIFFITH, SENIOR AND ANN JOHN

GRIFFITH JOHN, JUNIOR

## THE SECOND GENERATION OF OUR LINE

### GRIFFITH JOHN, JUNIOR

7. Griffith John, Junior, seventh child of Griffith, Senior and Ann (Williams) John was born on the twentieth day of the eighth month, on the first day of the week, in the year, 1729. On his parents' old homestead that they bought from William Penn, through David Lloyd in 1715, in Uwchlan Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, he was born.

He spent his early years helping his parents on the farm. He got an education in the school near there and stayed with his parents till after he was grown.

He, with his parents, went through very hard times in those early years as they had so little to do with. He was in the Revolutionary War and one of the great battles of the war, the Battle of Brandywine, with General George Washington and his army was fought near their farm against the British troops.

At the age of 23, he married Sarah Lloyd, the daughter of Humphry and Hannah Lloyd. He was married on the thirteenth day of the third month in the year of 1752. They both being Quakers or Friends, they had a Quaker wedding. Their belief and form of marriage was: "The Quakers believed "God" and "He" alone can rightfully join man and woman together in the bonds of marriage". So when a Quaker couple wishes to marry, the bride to be, goes before the woman's monthly Meeting and the husband to be, goes before the men's monthly Meeting of the Quakers, with a petition to this effect; "With Divine permission, and the approval of the Friends, we the undersigned intend marriage with each other."

The Meeting appoints two men and two women to investigate the couple. After the third Meeting, if the report is favorable, the couple goes to the front and facing each other and repeat; "In the presence of the Lord and his assembly, I take this woman, (or this man) to be my wedded, (wife or husband), they then take their right hands and repeat; "with Divine assistance, to be a loving (husband or wife), until death shall separate us."

This is read by the ones appointed; then all that were there would sign the wedding certificate. Then they were wished God's guidance on their life's journey together.

(A copy of Griffith, Junior and Sarah (Lloyd) John's marriage certificate is on page 52). They recommend that all weddings be held on the week days.

To them were born the following nine children:

1. Rebekah, 2. Asa, 3. Hannah, 4. Mary, 5. Abia, 6. Rachel, 7. Grace, 8. Mary, 2nd. and 9. Leah John.

(Detailed on pages 49-51 )

Sarah (Lloyd) John, wife of Griffith, Junior and daughter of Humphry and Hannah Lloyd was born on the twenty-fifth day of the first month and the fifth day of the week, in the year 1736, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

She was struck with the palsy on the thirteenth day of the sixth month in the year of 1796. She lost the use of her tongue, hand and her right foot. She remained speechless and helpless until the 24th and died at 12:04 A.M. Was buried the 25th of the same month. Age 66 years 4 months and 18 days.

After Sarah (Lloyd), Griffith Junior John's wife died he moved from Chester to Northumberland County with his son, Abia John.

Griffith John, Junior died on the twenty-first day of the eighth month at four o'clock in the morning in the year of 1811. Age eighty-two years lacking five days. He was buried in the Roaring Creek Meeting House cemetery, which is about one mile north of Numida, in Columbia County, Pennsylvania.

He had lived a long and useful Christian Life, and was a good example and blessing to his fellow men in trying to make this a better world.

He out lived his wife, Sarah, about sixteen years.

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GRIFFITH, JUNIOR AND SARAH (LLOYD) JOHN'S CHILDREN

Rebekah John

1. Rebekah John, the first child of Griffith, Junior and Sarah (Lloyd) John, was born on the sixteenth day of the third month and the sixth day of the week, in the year of 1753, recorded in Goshen Meeting.

She married a Mr. Harvant on the second of the fifth month, 1776. She married the second time to Thomas Davis, on the third day of the twelfth month in 1788.

She died on the twelfth day of the eighth month in 1815, of herna in her groin. She was buried on the thirteenth day of the eighth month in 1815. Age sixty-five years, five months and four days.

Asa John

2. Asa John, the second child of Griffith, Junior and Sarah (Lloyd) John, was born on the twenty-first day of the first month, the third day of the week, at seven o'clock in the forenoon, in the year of 1755.

He died of smallpox, on the second day of the eighth month at half-past eleven o'clock in the forenoon in the year of 1758, on the twentieth day of his sickness. Age three years, six months and twelve days.

Hannah John

3. Hannah John, the third child of Griffith, Junior and Sarah (Lloyd) John, was born on the twenty-eighth day of the sixth month, the third day of the week at five o'clock in the afternoon, in the year of our Lord, 1757. Recorded in Goshen Meeting.

She married David Phillips on the eighth day of the eighth month in 1772. To them were born eleven children. Namely, 1. Asa, 2. Rebecca, 3. David, 4. Abia, 5. Stephen, 6. William, 7. John, 8. Daniel, 9. Griffith, 10. Sarah, 11. Hannah Phillips.

Hannah (John) Phillips, wife of David Phillips, died on the sixteenth day of the eleventh month, in the year of 1829, and was buried at Catawissa, Pennsylvania, at the age of seventy-two years, four months and eighteen days.

Judge M. J. Phillips of Sullivan County, Pennsylvania, was a son of Griffith Phillips and Hannah (John) Phillips' son.

Asa Phillip, Hannah (John) Phillips first child was born on the first of the fifth month in 1851. Parts of this I took from the Los Angeles Public Library Book of Columbia County, Pennsylvania, No. 2.

#### Mary John

4. Mary John, the fourth child of Griffith, Junior and Sarah (Lloyd) John, was born on the second day of the tenth month, and the third day of the week, at half past eight o'clock in the year, 1759, recorded at Goshen. She died on the twenty-ninth of the fifth month, about twenty minutes after three in the morning, 1767. Mortification on her left foot which lasted twelve days. She was eight years six months and 26 days old.

#### Abia John

5. Abia John, the fifth child of Griffith John, Junior and Sarah (Lloyd) John, was born on the twenty-sixth of the eleventh month, the fifth day of the week, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon in the year 1761.

He married Martha John on the eighth of the fifth month, in the year 1788. He died on the twenty-seventh of the fourth month, in the year 1838, at half past one o'clock in the afternoon, on the sixth day of the week.

Age seventy-six years, five months and one day. He was buried in the Friends burying ground at Catawissa. Columbia Country, Pennsylvania.

His wife Martha John, died on the tenth of the eleventh month, 1840. Her age was seventy-nine. She also was buried in the Catawissa burying grounds.

To them were born thirteen children, namely;

- |                        |                |            |                |
|------------------------|----------------|------------|----------------|
| 1. Asa                 | (See page 70 ) | 8. Jesse   | (See page 76 ) |
| 2. Hiram               | (See page 74 ) | 9. Elida   | (See page 76 ) |
| 3. Emily               | (See page 74 ) | 10. Samuel | (See page 76 ) |
| 4. Griffith, the third | (See page 74)  | 11. Jehu   | (See page 77 ) |
| 5. Ruben               | (See page 75)  | 12. Eliza  | (See page 78 ) |
| 6. Lydia               | (See page 75)  | 13. Perry  | (See page 86 ) |
| 7. Sarah               | (See page 75)  |            |                |

Griffith John, the 3rd is Don John's branch of the John family.  
A more complete record of Abia John is found on page 69.

Rachel John

6. Rachel John, the sixth child of Griffith, Junior and Sarah (Lloyd) John, was born on the twenty-fifth day of the seventh month, on the fourth day of the week, at eleven o'clock in forenoon, in the year of 1764.

She married John Benholty on the twenty-ninth of the third month in the year of 1798. They had at least one son named Abia Benholty.

Grace John

7. Grace John, the seventh child of Griffith, Junior, and Sarah (Lloyd) John, was born on the twenty-eighth day of the second month, and the seventh day of the week, at half past two in the afternoon, in the year of 1767.

She married Thomas Davis on the fourth day of the fourth month in 1778.

Mary John

8. Mary John, the eighth child of Griffith, Junior and Sarah (Lloyd) John, was born on the twenty-sixth of the twelfth month, and the third day of the week in the morning, and the year of 1769.

She married Nathaniel Bennet, on the seventh day of the ninth month in the year of 1795.

Leah John

9. Leah John, the ninth child of Griffith, Junior and Sarah (Lloyd) John, was born on the second day of the week, in the morning, in the year 1773. She married Isaac Mellon on the twenty-fifth day of the first month, and in the year 1795.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST  
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Whereas Griffith John Son of Griffith John of Unwehlan, in the County of Chester and P<sup>re</sup> of Pennsylvania and Sarah Lloyd Daughter of Humphrey Lloyd of Unwehlan afore S<sup>ds</sup> have Declared their intentions of Marriage with each other, before several Monthly Meetings of the People called Quakers held in the County of Chester afore S<sup>ds</sup>. According to the Good discipline amongst them, whose proceedings there in, having the Consent of Parents, were approved of by the S<sup>d</sup> Meetings. Now these are to Certify, whom it may Concern, that for the full Completing their said Intentions, this Shal be the Day of the Fifth Month in the year 1752. the said Griffith John and Sarah Lloyd appear in a Publick Meeting of the afore S<sup>d</sup> People at the Publick Meeting House of Unwehlan afore S<sup>ds</sup>. and the S<sup>d</sup> Griffith John taking the S<sup>d</sup> Sarah Lloyd by the Hand, did in a solemn manner openly Declare, that He took her to be his Wife, Promising with Divine Assistance to be unto Her a Loving and Faithful Husband ~~until~~ the Lord by Death should separate them, and then and there the S<sup>d</sup> Sarah Lloyd in the S<sup>d</sup> Assembly did in like manner Declare, that she took the S<sup>d</sup> Griffith John to be Her Husband, Promising with Divine Assistance to be unto Him a Faithful and Loving Wife until the Lord by Death should separate them. Moreover the S<sup>d</sup> Griffith John and Sarah the according to the Custom of Marriage assuming the Name of Her Husband, as a farther Confirmation thereof did then and there in these Presents set their Hands and did we who Names are here unto Subscribed being present at the solemnization of the S<sup>d</sup> Marriage and Subscription in manner aforesaid To these Presents set our Hands the Day and year above written.

Stephen Thelicks  
Thomas Downing  
Cadwalader Jones  
Wm. Kirk  
Joshua John  
Rachel John  
Ambrey Robert  
Ruth Roberts  
John Owen  
Charles Brown  
Philip David  
Amos Jones

Daniel Davies  
Hannah M'cord  
James Benson  
Rachel Benson  
Jane John  
Rebecca Phillips  
Bartholomew Butler  
Sarah Davies  
Evelyn Butler  
Isaac Jacobs  
Nathl. Jones  
John Benson  
Cath. Benson

Evans Jenkins  
Charles Roberts  
Mary Roberts  
David Owen  
James Hoes  
Sam. Lightfoot  
Alex. Lewis  
Caleb Clark  
Elizabeth Jones  
John Lewis  
Enoch Butler  
Daniel John  
Morrison Thomas  
John Butler  
John Davies  
Nathl. Davies

Griffith John  
John John  
Humphrey Lloyd  
Hannah Lloyd  
Samuel John  
Grace Meredith  
Elizabeth Phillips  
Rebecca L  
John Meredith  
John Pwartz  
John M'cott  
William Lightfoot  
Robert Williams  
Enoch Meredith  
Silphus Edwards  
William Benson  
Ann Benson

This Quaker Wedding Certificate is in  
the hand of our Immigrant Ancestor  
Griffith John SENIOR - This was the  
Wedding of his Son Griffith John II,  
You will note that Griffith 1<sup>st</sup> signed  
below the bride & groom - There two were  
on John and others \_\_\_\_\_

Done

GRIFFITH JOHN 2nd. HIS BIBLE



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Griffith John son of John Phillipyn and Elen his  
wife was Born in [Pembroke-shire] in the  
the year 1843 And Came into Pennsylvania on the  
eleventh Day of the second month in the year 1709  
he married to Ann Williams on the twentieth Day of  
the seventh month in the year 1714 - at 16.  
he Died on the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of the sixth month in the year 1718  
about 40 minutes after 8 o'clock in the afternoon and was  
buried in uncklan on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the 7<sup>th</sup> mo<sup>th</sup> 1718  
Ann John Daughter of Robert William and Gwen his wife was  
born in Goshen in Chester County in the fourth  
in the year 1700 at 16. - And on the fourth Day of the  
month in the year 1712 she was buried in the church of the  
uncklan - 1712

Ann John Daughter of Griffith John & Anna his wife was  
born the third Day of the tenth month on the seventh Day  
the week in the year 1715  
And Died the 2<sup>d</sup> day of the 12<sup>th</sup> mo<sup>th</sup> 1730

Rachel John was Born the 28 Day of the twelfth month  
on the sixth Day of the week in the year 1717  
and Dyed the 11 Day of ninth mo<sup>th</sup> 1760 the 5 Day of the  
week about 9 of the Clock in the morning -

Joshua John was Born the thirty first Day of the first  
month on the sixth Day of the week in the year 1721

John John was Born the nineteenth Day of the first  
month on the third Day of the week in the year 1724

GRIFFITH JOHN'S BEHE  
Family Record

Griffith John & Sarah  
was Born the twenty six<sup>th</sup> day of the  
Eight<sup>th</sup> month in the year 1720  
and the 1<sup>st</sup> of the week

2  
Sarah Lloyd Daughter of Humphrey  
Hannah Lloyd was Born the 25<sup>th</sup> day  
of the first month in the year 1728  
and the 5<sup>th</sup> of the week

3  
Griffith John and Sarah Lloyd were  
married the thirteenth day of the fifth  
month in the year 1752

4  
Elizabeth John Daughter of Griffith  
and Sarah John was Born the 17<sup>th</sup> day  
of the 11<sup>th</sup> month in the year 1753  
the 6<sup>th</sup> of the week Birth Record at Goff  
and was married the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of 5<sup>th</sup> month 1776

5  
Also John Son of Griffith & Sarah John  
was Born the 21<sup>st</sup> day of the 1<sup>st</sup> month  
in the year 1750 the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the week at  
Goff in the morning and died at the  
small pox in the year 1776

GRIFITH JOHN BIRTH TABLE  
Jane John was Born on the fifth Day of the second month  
the second Day of the week in the year 1725 and  
the first of the month in the year 1795

Abel John was Born the twenty second Day of the second  
month on the sixth Day of the week in the year 1727

Elizabeth John was Born the twenty sixth Day of the eighth  
month on the first of the year in the year 1729 and on  
marriage on the thirteenth Day of the third month in the year  
and died the 21<sup>st</sup> of August 1811 aged 82 Years wanting  
five days Buried at Tooting Church Smithing House

Esther John was Born the third Day of the first month on  
the sixth Day of the week in the year 1732 and died  
November 1811

Robert John was Born the twenty second Day of the second  
month on the first Day of the week in the year 1734 and  
on the seventh Day of the ninth month on the first Day  
the week at 5 o'clock in the morning in the year 1760

Sarah John was Born the first Day of the ninth month  
second Day of the week in the year 1736

Asa John was Born the fourteenth Day of the ninth month  
on the sixth Day of the week in the year 1740

Reuben John was Born the twentieth Day of the first month  
in the year 1743/4 and died the 11<sup>th</sup> of  
the 12<sup>th</sup> mo 1823

Sarah Elizabeth Daughter of Humphrey  
was Born the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month 1720 of the

Rebekah John Daughter of Griffith & Sarah  
 Born the 16<sup>th</sup> day of the 3<sup>d</sup> Month 1753  
 being the 1<sup>st</sup> of the week. The Accouchment in Goshen  
 was. Married the 2<sup>d</sup> of the 5<sup>th</sup> Month 1776  
 Married the 2<sup>d</sup> time the 3<sup>d</sup> of Decr 1789  
 and died the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 1815 of a hernia in  
 her groin and was buried the 18<sup>th</sup> at Morristown  
 aged sixty two years & 5 months wanting 4 Days.

Isa John son of Griffith & Sarah John was Born  
 the 1<sup>st</sup> of the first month in the year 1755 the 3<sup>d</sup> of the week at 10  
 the Morning -- and died of the small Pox. last post 11<sup>th</sup> Decr  
 1758 the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of his sickness was  
 six Months and 12 Days his Birth & Burial both

Nannah John Daughter of Griffith & Sarah, John was  
 born the 28<sup>th</sup> of the 6<sup>th</sup> month the year 1757 the 3<sup>d</sup>  
 at 5 O'clock in the afternoon, 17<sup>th</sup> recorded in Goshen  
 was married the 16<sup>th</sup> day of the 3<sup>d</sup> Month 1776  
 and died the 16<sup>th</sup> of the 11<sup>th</sup> month 1829  
 was buried at Catwings aged 72. 4<sup>th</sup> 18 days  
 Mary John Daughter of Griffith & Sarah John was born the 2<sup>d</sup> of the  
 the 3<sup>d</sup> of the week at half past 10 O'clock in the Evening her birth  
 and died the 29<sup>th</sup> of the 5<sup>th</sup> about 20 this time  
 the Morning 1776 at Morristown her  
 burial

married the 8<sup>th</sup> of the 8<sup>th</sup> month 1775

GRIFFITH JOHN'S FAMILY RECORD

7

Mary John Daughter of Griffith & Sara  
was born the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the tenth month  
the 5<sup>th</sup> of the week at half past 2 in the  
noon birth Record in 1767. & Dyed  
the 29<sup>th</sup> of the 3<sup>rd</sup> month in the year  
1767 of the a mortification in her left foot  
which continued 12 days  
Dyed about 20 minutes after 3 in the morning the 6<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup>  
aged 3 years 6 months & 26 days

Griffith John Son of Griffith & Sara

was born the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the tenth month 1766

at half past 2 in the morning

Dyed the 1<sup>st</sup> of the 1<sup>st</sup> month 1767

8

Rachel John Daughter of Griffith & Sara  
John was born the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> month  
1766 the 4<sup>th</sup> of the week at half  
after 1 a clock in the morning

9

Grace John Daughter of Griffith & Sara  
John was born the 28<sup>th</sup> day of the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
month in 1767 at half after 2 in the afternoon

Abra John Son of Griffith and Sarah John  
Born the 26<sup>th</sup> day of the Eleventh Month 1780  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the week at 2 O'Clock in the P.M. 1767

And was married the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the 5<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 1788  
And died on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of the 4<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 1838 about 1/2 past 2  
O'clock on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of the week aged 56 years 5 mo and 1 day  
interred at Gallawappa Friends burial Ground

Reachel John Daughter of Griffith and Sarah John  
the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 1784 the 1<sup>st</sup> of the week  
at 11 O'Clock in the Morning and was married  
the 25 day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 1798

R. T.

Grace John Daughter of Griffith and Sarah John  
Born the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of the 12<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup> in the year of 1791  
of the week at half past 2 O'Clock in the Afternoon  
And was married the 4<sup>th</sup> day of the 4<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 1793

Mary John Daughter of Griffith and Sarah John  
Born the 12<sup>th</sup> day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> M<sup>o</sup> of the week at 4 O'Clock in the Morning  
9 month 1795 and was married the 17 of

Leah John Daughter of Griffith and Sarah John  
the 25<sup>th</sup> of the 1<sup>st</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 1798 the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the week at 12 O'Clock  
in the Morning and was married 26 of  
11 M<sup>o</sup> 1795

The 6<sup>mo</sup> & the 13<sup>th</sup> Day 1796  
Sarah John was Struck with  
the palsy In her Right Side so  
that she lost the use of her tongue  
Hand and foot and so she Remained  
Speechless & helpless until the 24<sup>th</sup>  
at ~~ten o'clock~~ 8 27 Am In the  
Morning and was buried the 25<sup>th</sup> of the  
same mo<sup>th</sup> Aged 66 Years & 4 mo and  
Eighteen Days

Griffith John Died the 24<sup>th</sup> of the 6<sup>th</sup> month  
about 4 O'clock in the Morning. He was  
Buried 13 of the same Month at  
Quincy Creek in his house aged 82 yrs  
wanting five days 82

GRIFFITH JOHN'S FAMILY RECORD  
THE EMIGRANT

## SOME EARLY HISTORY AND HAPPENINGS

Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, the County Seat of Columbia County, is just north of the Susquehanna River. In this town is one of the largest carpet mills in North America.

Before the Revolutionary War, Columbia County was a camping ground for the Shawnee Indians.

It was named "Columbia" because of the patriotic son of Joseph Hopkins, "Hail Columbia".

The road from Reading to Sunbury was called, "The Kings Highway," and this is the road from Chester County to Northumberland County, that Abia John and family came over when they moved to Northumberland from Chester County in 1795.

There was a man by the name of Francis Yarnell, an early settler in the east part of Pennsylvania, who was a surveyor. He did lots of the surveying in that part of the country. In 1770, Francis Yarnell surveyed the first wagon road across the mountains to Fort Augusta, just below the north and south forks of the Susquehanna River. Up to that time all the supplies for the Fort were brought by boat in the river. He finished this road in 1771, and this road went by a place then known as Taylertown. This is where Yarnell in 1768, bought a lot of land, paying \$50,000.00 for it. He bought this land from the Indians. He built a hotel there. When Abia John and family emigrated from Chester County to Northumberland County, they all stayed over night at this hotel. He married Mary Lincoln, the great aunt of President Lincoln. They died and were both buried in a small enclosure near the forks of the Susquehanna River, and now the fence and graves are not cared for and it is a pitiful sight. Griffith John, the son of Perry John, wrote about this in a letter to his cousin, Sarah (Lloyd) Burch in Rockford, Illinois.

Lydia John, the sixth child of Abia and Martha John, married Amos Yarnell in 1825.

Fort Augusta is now surrounded by the City of Sunbury. It was one of the earliest trading posts in Northumberland. (I was there in this fort building in 1958). It was also an Indian trading post. The town was first called Shamokin, but the town of Shamokin now is several miles south-east of Fort Augusta and Sunbury.

The towns of Shamokin and Mt. Carmel are in the center of the great coal fields. This is where my parents came from. (My father worked in the coal mines as a boy.)

The first discoveries of coal was by Neche Allen, who in 1790, was out hunting. He took what he thought was a black rock and laid pieces of this rock around to build a fire in. Then he laid down to rest and sleep. When he awoke he found that what he thought was black rock was burning.

Thomas Edison lighted the first building that was ever lighted in the city of Sunbury. The building was torn down and a big hotel is standing on that place now. It is called the Edison Hotel.

The wages in the coal mines in 1830 were \$3.00 to \$4.00 a week and for long hours. The work was not steady either.

The earliest railroad in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, was built in 1830, by Steven Girard who financed it. It was only completed from Danville to Pottsville. The rails were wood, reinforced with strips of iron. The cars were drawn with horses. Mr. Girard died so the railroad was never completed. Eliza John, in her diary, speaks of riding on this train part of the way to Philadelphia.

The Friends or Quakers were the earliest religious organization that held Meetings in Chester County, Pennsylvania. As early as 1675, they held Meetings in Chester (then Upland), and after 1677, their meetings were held at regular intervals.

The Friends petitioned the Chester Meeting in 1712, to hold worship in a private home. They built a log Meeting house later. "This is where our first ancestors went to Meetings."

Battle of Clouds, the greatest military engagement of the entire American Revolutionary War, would have taken place on the 16th of September, 1777, near the hamlet of Goshen, had it not been prevented by a tremendous cloud-burst that soaked the ammunition of both armies so they could not fight. (It was called the Battle of the Clouds).

The Battle of Brandywine was fought on the property of Gideon Gilpins. He put in a bill to the British Government for \$502.06, for damages.

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EBENEZER AND SARAH JOHN

Ebenezer John was born on the 7th of July, 1755. He was the 8th and youngest child of Samuel, Junior and Ann (Jenkin) John. He married Sarah Baley in Tennessee. To them were born these children, namely; 1. Samuel, 2. Elisha, 3. Jacob, 4. David, 5. Isaac, 6. Ann, 7. Elizabeth, 8. Katherine, 9. Ruth, 10. Sarah, 11. Ebenezer John, Junior.

Samuel John the oldest child of Ebenezer and Sarah (Baley) John, was born in Tennessee, and he moved to Ohio. He married Elizabeth Beals. To them was born these children, namely; 1. Dalilah, 2. Priscilla, (She married Samuel Wells), 3. Jesse, 4. Jonathan (he married Sapphire Piper), 5. Samuel (He married Elizabeth Barton), 6. Ebenezer (He married Mary Piper), 7. Elizabeth (She married a Mr. Arnet), 8. Jesse John was born 5/25/1819 (He married Belinda Wyatt on the 7/15/1841).

To Jesse and Belinda (Wyatt) John, were born these children:

1. James R. - He married Ann McKinney. He married the second time to Rebecca Pillows.
2. Isaac died in infancy.
3. Mary E. - She married John Dawson.
4. Ebenezer - He married Mary E. Kepner.
5. Jesse - He married Mary Richardson on 10-31-1867.  
To them were born these children, namely;

1. Felinda F. - Died in infancy.
2. Adda May John - She married Oscar Reed.

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OUR BRANCH OF THE "JOHN" FAMILY  
FROM  
GRIFFITH, JUNIOR AND SARAH JOHN

ABIA JOHN

## ABIA AND MARTHA JOHN

### Third Generation from Griffith John, the Emigrant

Abia John, the fifth child of Griffith, Junior, and Sarah (Lloyd) John, was born on the 26th of December, 1761, on the old original farm of his ancestors near Lionville, Uwchlan Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

He grew to manhood on their farm, helping his parents while going to school. He spent a lot of his spare time in study, so he obtained a good education, compared with a lot of the people of these days. With his other studies, he took up surveying and conveyancing of property and other things.

He was a man of more than ordinary ability. In his early twenty's he took up teaching. One of the schools that he taught was in West Bradford Township, Chester, County, Pennsylvania. He was paid eight shillings or \$1.92, for each child for a period of three months in the winter time. He was obliged to teach reading, writing and cyphering.

He married Martha John, daughter of Ruben and Lydia (Townsend) John, on the 8th of May, 1788, in Chester County, Pennsylvania. While he still lived in Chester County, they had three children born to them, namely; 1. Asa T., 2. Hiram, 3. Emily John. They later moved to Northumberland County, and there they had ten more children born to them, namely; 4. Griffith, the third, 5. Ruben, 6. Lydia, 7. Sarah, 8. Jesse, 9. Elida, 10. Samuel, 11. Jehu, 12. Eliza, and 13. Perry John.

Martha's mother, Lydia, was Lydia Townsend before she married. Martha married Griffith John, Senior's youngest child, Ruben. Martha was a hard working wife and mother of her large family. Besides her work at home, she gave a lot of time to work in her church, the Quakers.

In the year of 1795, Abia's father, Griffith John, Junior, helped them move from their old home in Chester County, up to Northumberland County. His father took Abia, his wife Martha and all their effects. They took two of three children they had at that time and they left their second child Hiram, with his grand parents on his mother's side, Ruben and Lydia John. They picked him up later. Asa, their oldest child was seven and the third child was Emily, age three.

They started north on what was a long hard trip at that time. They had a two horse wagon and they followed the Great Road as it was called at that time. This road was surveyed by Francis Yarnell, who was one of the early settlers north of there. His wife was Mary Lincoln. One of the Yarnells at a later date married the daughter of Lydia John, the sixth child of Abia John.

This road took them over the Mahony and Locust mountains, on past where the town of Mt. Carmel is now located, then on down into the valley past where the town of Shamokin now stands. They stopped at Yarnell's Tavern one night. The first night in Northumberland County they stayed at Hotel Fisher. Then traveling on the next morning and by the next afternoon they reached their stopping place at John Adam Gilger's place where they rented a room upstairs. They stayed in this room while he built a log house on the timber land that he had bought before. It was on the 8th of May, 1795, when they landed there.

There were lots of wild animals roving through the woods all around them and

they would howl and screech through the night. That part of the country for a long way north and west was nothing much but timber and Indians.

After he had part of his timber land cleared so he could raise some crops, he would take what he could spare over bad mountain roads with a two horse wagon about seventy miles to Reading, Pennsylvania. There he would exchange it for food, cloth and the things that they had to have on their farm. They did not have much to live on and to do with in those early years.

He was a man of great determination and with his education that he had and being a surveyor and a conveyancer of transfers, he succeeded and worked up a large business.

Governor Snyder of Pennsylvania appointed him as the Justice of the Peace in 1809, which he held till 1830. He was held in high esteem by the Courts and the attorneys of Sunbury. He became an extensive land holder in that part of the county.

He took an active part in raising the money for and securing the Center Turnpike Road in 1802. It is said that he had charge of the western division, being from Paxinos to Sunbury, which is about thirteen miles.

They were strong Quakers and both were great workers in their Meetings. It is said that Martha had more than common ability.

Abia John's family moved from their first home farm that they bought in 1795, to a farm that he bought in 1823. All their children from Elida on down, lived in this place. Their first farm was timber land. This piece was the land that he bought when he moved from Chester County to Northumberland County.

Martha died on the 10th of November, 1840. She was buried in the Friends burying grounds in Columbia County, Pennsylvania. Age 79.

Abia John, her husband, died on the 27th of April, 1838, and was buried in Catawissa burying grounds. Age 77.

A more complete record of their children is found on page 70-74-75-76-77-86)

By 1922, Abia and Martha John had 78 grandchildren.

#### ABIA SENIOR AND MARTHA JOHN'S CHILDREN AND DESCENDANTS

##### I. Asa Townsend John

Asa T. John, the first child of Abia and Martha John, was born on the 10th of December, 1788, in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

When he was seven years old his parents moved from Chester County to Northumberland County. in 1795. They took him and his sister Emily with them to the new home, leaving their brother Hiram with his grandparents for a time. When they were settled they brought Hiram home.

Asa grew to manhood in Northumberland County on his parent's farm and finished his schooling there.

At the age of 23 he married Mary Thomas, on the 2nd of January, 1811. To them

were born seven children, namely; 1. Abia, 2nd., 2. Enoch, (who died early in life). 3. Townsend, (died at the age of 20). 4. Joseph T. (He was the Chief Burgess of Mount Carmel), 5. Ann. (married John Kester). 6. Jesse G., and 7. Amos Y. John.

Asa Townsend John died on the 2nd of February, 1868. Age 80.

I took this from Bell's History of Northumberland County. "The Bear Gap Meeting House", page 1185, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Quote: "In 1796, a tract of land was conveyed by George Miller to Abiah John of Chester County. Abiah John arrived in this section in 1795.

The Society of Friends was represented in this territory from as early as 1795, but no local Meetings were organized until 1840. At that time Elida and Perry John and a number of Friends residing in that locality who were formerly connected with the Meetings in Catawissa, and Roaring Creek, were separately constituted. A schoolhouse and subsequently Krickbauma's Mill were used as places of worship until a church was built".

The early settlers not only built churches but they also built schoolhouses. A log schoolhouse was built probably as early as 1810 near where they built the Quaker Meeting House later.

Bell's History continued. Quote, "In the deed to William Krickbauma from Gilger, executors, a plot of ground on which was erected a schoolhouse, and was expected. It was mostly likely that this ground and school came about as a result of the efforts of John Adam Gilger."

This John Adam Gilger's place is where Abia John, Senior stayed when he first moved to Northumberland County.

The Quaker records at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania gives the following:

In 1840, the Shamokin Friends requested an Indulged Meeting for worhip, to be held on the first day of the week in the schoolhouse near Asa T. John's home, for the ensuing six months; which the Meeting united with and appoints Benjamin Sharpless and William Thomas, a committee to attend the opening of the said Meeting.

Woman's meeting concurring, appoints Mary Ellis and Sarah Hughs to join the committee of men Friends.

"On January the 1st, 1844; Asa T. John, granted to Hiram, Elida and Perry John, Trustees, for five dollars, an acre of land for the sole use and benefit of the Religious Society of People called Quakers, residing in said township and vicinity, to the onely use and care from said trustees forever. "

This group called themselves, The Roaring Creek Monthly Meeting of the Friends.

The contract for the building of the Meeting House was given to Asa T. John and the first Meeting in the new building was held in June, 1845.

William Cleaver from Chester County was the first to preach there, and Ruben John, also preached at that Meeting. The Meeting was actually

established on the 6th of September, 1845. To this Meeting House came many of the great and near great among the Quakers.

### DESCENDANTS OF ABIA JOHN

#### I. Asa, Senior and Mary Ann (Thomas) John's Descendants

Abia John, 2nd., the first child of Asa T. and Mary Ann (Thomas) John, was born on the 14th of November, 1811, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

He was the first school teacher in Shamokin (now Ralpho) Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. He also was a tanner. His leather was in great demand all over the country.

He died on the 18th of December, 1885. Age 72. He was buried in the Friends' burying ground near the Meeting House at Bear Gap.

He married Jane E. Teats, daughter of John Teats. To them were born eight children, namely; 1. Daniel T., 2. Henry, 3. Mary Ann, 4. Asa T., 2nd, 5. Lloyd, 6. Cynthia, 7. Josiah E. and 8. Jeremiah M. John.

#### The record of Abia, 2nd, and Jane E. (Teats) John's children are as follows:

##### Daniel T. John

1. Daniel T. John, the first child of Abia T. and Jane E. (Teats) John, was born on the 11th of June, 1833. He lived in Nebraska at one time. Eliza John often speaks of him in her diary.

##### Henry John

2. Henry John, the second child of Abia, 2nd, and Jane E. (Teats) John, was born on the 23rd of September, 1835. He grew up and his school was in Northumberland County. He was in the Civil War, 132nd Pennsylvania, (Vol. 1862) - 6th Co. H. Pa. Cav.

He was a merchant. He married Mary E. Johnson, the daughter of Silas and Eliza (Rink) Johnson in June, 1863.

To them were born six children, namely; 1. Silas Curtin John (of Seattle, Washington), 2. Charles L. John, 3. Clarence E. John, 4. William H. John, 5. George W. John, and 6. Milton John. All boys.

##### Mary Ann John

3. Mary Ann John, the third child of Abia, 2nd, and Jane E. (Teats) John, was born in 1837.

##### Asa T., the 2nd.

4. Asa T. John, the fourth child of Abia, 2nd, and Jane E. (Teats) John, was born on the 5th of January, 1839. He was in the Civil War, the 14th U.S. Regulars. Died in 1863, at Fairfax, Virginia. Age 24.

##### Lloyd Tarrison John

5. Lloyd Tarrison John, the fifth child of Abia, 2nd and Jane (Teats) John, was born on the 22nd of December, 1840. He lived in

Nebraska at one time.

### Cynthia John

6. Cynthia John, the sixth child of Abia 2nd and Jane E. (Teats) John, was born in 1842. She married D. K. Webster. She lived at one time in Coatsville, Chester County, Pennsylvania. She was greatly interested in the "John" family history.

### Josiah Elwood John

7. Josiah E. John, the seventh child of Abia the 2nd. and Jane (Teats) John, was born on the 23rd of January, 1845, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. He died in August, 1924. His wife Hannah Elizabeth John, died several years before he did. They were both buried in the Methodist Church cemetery near Bear Gap, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

To Josiah E. and Hannah E. John were born three children, namely; Carrie, William and Blanche.

1. Carrie E. John, the first child.

She married a Mr. Miller and to them were born three children, namely;

1. Laura Miller. Her name is Mrs. Charles Brogen.
2. Allen Miller
3. Howard Miller

2. William Elwood John, the second child of Josiah E. and Hannah E. John.

His wife's name was Hannah Rachel John, and to them were born eight children, namely;

1. Mildred John. She married a Mr. Stine.
2. Calvin Abiah John
3. Judge Auten John
4. Mable Marie John. She married a Mr. Kreischer. (She supplied me with some of this material for my record). She went to Quaker Meetings and taught Sunday School there at the Bear Gap Meeting House. Her parents owned the farm house farther up the hill from the Meeting House. (Joseph John owned the farm a little farther down toward the Church at one time.
5. William Shannen John
6. Samuel Josiah John
7. Mary Jane John. She married Mr. McKechney.
8. Dorothy Mae John. She married a Mr. Klase.

3. Blanch John, the third child of Josiah E. and Hannah E. John, married a Mr. Leisenring and to them were born four children, namely;

1. Clair Leisenring
2. Elizabeth Leisenring
3. Evelyn Leisenring
4. Marjorie Leisenring

### Jeremiah Moore John

8. Jeremiah M. John, the eighth child of Abia 2nd and Jane E. (Teats) John, was born on the 29th of January, 1848. He died in 1936. Age 88.

II. Hiram Townsend John

Hiram T. John, the second child of Abia, Senior and Martha John, was born on the 14th of August, 1790, in Chester County, Pennsylvania. And in 1795, his parents moved to Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. They left him with his grandparents on his mother's side (Ruben and Eliza John). He joined his parents later.

At the age of 24, he married Sarah Miller. This was on the 20th of May, 1814.

He married the second time to Elizabeth Miller. To them were born ten children, namely; 1. James, 2. Wesley, 3. Abia, 4. Jonathan, 5. Mary P., 6. Martha, (She married Franklin John), 7. Ledwedlyn, 8. William I., (He died on the 20th of March, 1926, age 80.), 9. Lydia, and 10. Ira John.

They moved from Pennsylvania to Illinois in May, 1852. He died in 1856. Age 66.

Their daughter Mary P. John, married Alford Temlins and to them were born three children, namely; 1. Milta Temlins, 2. Mary Joseph Temline and 3. Anna E. Temlins.

Hiram T. and Elizabeth John had a granddaughter that lived in Woodbury, N.J. and she was the daughter of James John (Hiram's first child) and the wife of Warn Underwood. Her name before marriage was Tansar Eliza John.

III. Emily John

Emily John, the third child of Abia, Senior and Martha John, was born on the 23rd of January, 1792, in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

She moved with her parents from Chester County to Northumberland County in 1795.

She had her schooling in Northumberland County and grew to womanhood on her parent's farm. This farm was covered with timber when her parents first settled there. Their house was made of logs.

She married Abishi Thomas on the 31st of May, 1827. To them was born a daughter. Emily was married before to Levi Hughes on the 11th of April 1811. And to this marriage was born a son. Emily died in 1871. Age 79.

Emily had a granddaughter that lived in Mellvill, Columbia County, Pennsylvania. Her name was R. Ann Kester.

IV. Griffith John

Griffith John, the fourth child of Abia, Senior and Martha John, was born on the 6th of September, 1795, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

He grew to manhood on his parents farm and his schooling was in this area. When he was 21, in 1816, he married Rachel Miller. He moved to Ohio in 1817, where he made his future home. He died in 1856.

To them were born five children, namely; 1. Jesse J. John( he married a Mary

Roush, and to them was born a son named Jesse Clinton Emerson John. Clinton John married Frances Idora Strawbridge and to them was born a son named Don D. John, whose home was in Louisville, Kentucky. He died in 1957.) I, Clark John, was in his home a few weeks after his death. He had been working on the "John" family history.

2. Abiah John (Son of Griffith John and Rachel Miller)
3. Martha John (Daughter of Griffith and Rachel)
4. Jehu John (Son of Griffith and Rachel)
5. Pauline John (Daughter of Griffith and Rachel)

#### V. Ruben John

Ruben John, the fifth child of Abia. Senior and Martha John, was born on the 21st of March, 1798, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

He had his early schooling in that part of the country and grew to manhood on his fathers' farm.

He married Sophia Mettler, the daughter of Phillip and Mary Mettler, on the 4th of May, 1820.

He died on the 26th of February, 1880, in Illinois. Age 82. He was buried in the Quaker Meeting House burying grounds at Dixon, Illinois.

His wife, Sophia (Mettler) John, died on the 7th of March, 1887, at Dixon, and was buried in the same burying ground that her husband was buried. Age 86.

To them were born nine children, namely; 1. Mary Ann, 2. Martha, 3. Melinda, 4. Isaac M. 5. Allen, 6. Franklin, 7. Lucretia E., 8. Harvey, and 9. Sarah John.

( A more complete record of them is found on page 109 )

#### VI. Lydia John

Lydia John, the sixth child of Abia, Senior and Martha John, was born on the 20th of October, 1799, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. Her early schooling was near her parent's farm where she helped them with their work.

When she was grown she married John Wolverton on the 11th of October, 1818. She married the second time to Amos Yarnell on the 25th of May, 1825.

She died on the 12th of October, 1862. Age 73.

To Lydia (John) and Amos Yarnell were born four children, namely; 1. Samuel Yarnell, 2. Evan Yarnell, 3. Sarah Yarnell and 4. Amanda Yarnell.

Sarah or Sally Yarnell, the third child of Lydia (John) and Amos Yarnell, married Edwin Bloom, on the 18th of January, 1855.

#### VII. Sarah John

Sarah John, the seventh child of Abia, Senior and Martha John, was born on the 20th of August, 1801, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. On her parents farm she was born and this farm was willed to her and her sister. She had her schooling there and lived there all her life.

She never married. After her parents died she and her sister Eliza John lived together there quite awhile. She died in 1880. Age 79.

#### VIII. Jesse J. John

Jesse John, the eighth child of Abia, Senior and Martha John, was born on the 9th of March, 1803. He went to school and grew to manhood in Northumberland and Columbia Counties, Pennsylvania. He married Eliza Hicks on the 16th of October, 1828.

To them was born at least one son, namely; Jesse John, Junior. When he was grown he became a doctor in Shamokin for years. He married Elizabeth Krick on the 13th of March, 1854.

Jesse John's wife Eliza (Hicks) John, died on the 2nd of September, 1829, at the age of 26, 5 months and 23 days. She was married less than a year.

Jesse John, was a teacher and a surveyor. He died on the 2nd of September, 1829. Age 26. He was buried in Catawissa Friends burying ground.

#### IX. Elida John

Elida John, the ninth child of Abia, Senior and Martha John, was born on the 29th of August, 1805, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

He went to school near Bear Gap and grew to manhood helping his parents on the old homestead. He married Sarah Huges on the 3rd of October, 1826. To them were born ten children, namely; 1. Palemon ( he became a noted doctor after he had finished his schooling), 2. Edwin, 3. Martin, 4. Abia, 5. Hugh, 6. Ruthanna, 7. Chalklet, 8. Sarah, 9. George, and 10. Emily John.

Dr. Palemon John also was the founder of the Bloomsburg Rep. paper and was a member and worker in the Friends Meeting.

Elida John, worked to free the slaves and was a great temperance worker. He died in 1883. Age 78.

#### X. Samuel John

Samuel John, the tenth child of Abia, Senior and Martha John, was born in the 27th of February, 1807, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

He spent his early years on his parents farm and around that part of the country.

At the age of 26, he married Angeline John, at Catawissa. She was the fifth child of Abraham and Mary (Flick) John, a descendant of Samuel John, Senior the emigrant, and older brother of Griffith John, Senior. He married on the 4th of April, 1833. He died in 1870. Age 63.

To them were born nine children, namely; 1. Kersey, (he married Diadem Zimmerman) (he died in March, 1861), 2. Leartis, (he died in 1854), 3. Vianna, 4. Ulysses F. ( he died in 1900), 5. Jefferson ( he died in 1877), 6. Clara ( married a Mr. Bird and they had a daughter that lived in Ploomsburg, Pennsylvania and a son in Shamokin, Pennsylvania). 7. Roselda, 8. Sarah, 9. Mary John ( she married Emry Rover and to them were born two sons, namely Lever Rover and Rollins Rover) Rollins Rover was a Methodist Preacher.

Clara (John) Eird Smith died in November, 1925.

Samuel John, was a manufacturer of stoves and plows. In 1844, he was appointed by President Polk as postmaster of the Borough of Shamokin and he served in this capacity for two years.

He was in the coal mining industry and in 1867, he was one of those that secured a charter for a railroad leading from Shamokin.

In 1832, the state legislature of Pennsylvania appointed him one of the commissioners of Donville and Pottsville Railroad.

He was cashier of the Shamokin Bank at one time and director of the Shamokin Banking Company.

Mr. Samuel John was a man of determination and temperate habits and he often spoke of this as one of the characteristics of which he owed his activity and good habits.

He named his home "Mount Comfort". Upon the anniversary of his seventieth birthday in the presence of his family and a few chosen friends who came to celebrate the event, said, "I have no recollection of spending an evening at a dance, a frolic or any other place of dissipation or foolery." I never used strong drink, ale or portar as a beverage as I know it was dangerous. I never used tobacco in anyway as I knew it was filthy habit and detrimental to the health. I have never played games of cards or chance or hazard as I felt it was demoralizing." Unquote.

He was a member of the Methodist Church. (I took this from Pennsylvania Historical Society Library in Philadelphia, History of Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.)

#### N. E. John

The following was taken from the History of Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

N. E. John, son of Samuel and Angeline John, was born on the 15th of October, 1835. He was an attorney and capitalist of Shamokin, Pennsylvania.

He also was in the store, coal and banking business. He was one of the promoters of the mining of coal in Shamokin, Pennsylvania.

He married Agnes Dondore on the 9th of October, 1867. To them were born these children:

1. Howard
2. Flora
3. Samuel, Junior
4. Sarah John

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#### XI. Jehu John

Jehu John, the eleventh child of Abia, Senior and Martha John, was born on the 11th of February, 1810, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

His schooling was at Shamokin where he grew to manhood helping his parents on the farm and working in the coal mines.

He married Patience Houseweart, the daughter of Solomon Houseweart, on the 2nd of October, 1834, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. They moved to

Illinois in the year of 1846. He died on the 23rd of September, 1863, in Illinois. Age 53 years, 7 months and 12 days.

To Jehu and Patience (Houseweart) John, were born eight children, namely;

1. Amanda was born on the 10th of August, 1834. Lived only 3 hours.
2. Lorenzo Thornton born on the 5th of December, 1835.
3. Kimber LeRoy was born on the 15th of October, 1838.
4. Cephas Day was born on the 23rd of September, 1841.
5. Sarah Martha was born on the 27th of December, 1843.
6. Ann Eliza born on the 17th of May, 1846.
7. Edmund James was born on the 5th of October, 1848.
8. Verdila Elmira John, was born on the 31st of July, 1851.

A more complete record is found on pages 121 and 164.

## XII. Eliza John

Eliza John, the twelfth child of Abia, Senior and Martha John, was born on the 29th of May, 1812, near Bear Gap in Shamokin Township, now called Ralpho, two miles north of Bear Gap near Kingborm's Mill, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

She never married. She was a great worker in the Friends Meetings and she spent a great deal of time visiting the sick and helping them all around in that part of the country.

She lived a good life and God called her to her eternal reward on the 20th of December, 1863, at the age of 51. She was buried in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

After her parents Abia and Martha died, she and her sister Sarah lived together on the old homestead farm. Her parents willed the homestead to them and they rented the farm land out. This old farm of Abia's had a large log house of one and one-half stories and had some outside built-ins. It was north of Bear Gap and south of Shamokin Gap. Perry John and family, Abia and Martha John's youngest son, moved into part of the house and Eliza and Sarah had the other part. He stayed there until he had his own home built.

There were one hundred and thirty acres in this farm. In 1854, they said their farm was appraised at \$3,300.00 - \$4,400.00. They later bought two acres from their uncle, Asa John. This land was just across from Asa's. They rented an upstairs room in his home and rented their old home and farm. They lived with Asa until their new home was built. Their brothers built the new home for them. Eliza called their new home "Fairview". They moved into it on the 20th of May 1851. Asa, Hiram, Elida, Samuel, Perry and Adam Gelger and John Vastine, and their wives helped them move in.

They had a cow, pigs, chickens, and they raised quite a lot of fruit and vegetables.

The farm that they received from their parents was the farm that Abia, Senior had bought when he first moved from Chester County, in 1795.

Eliza was a hard worker, both in her home and in her church. She kept a diary of births, marriages, deaths, and notes of other things in and around there and about different Meetings that were held. She would go

to Philadelphia to special Meetings that were held, and she sometimes would describe the way she would have to travel. She went by horse drawn stages, horse drawn trains and steam trains. She would change from one to another. It was a big trip in those days. In 1958, I drove this same trip in a few hours. (C.E. John)

Some of the Meetings that she went to in Philadelphia, Lucretia Mott would be there. She thought a lot of her. Lucretia Mott was a great and good woman in her day. She worked with President Lincoln trying to free the slaves and she also was a great worker in the Quaker Meetings. She was a member of the Bear Gap Meeting in Ralpho Township. She said, "going to meeting in one place they had to drive over plank roads for seven miles".

Frank John, son of Uncle Samuel John, stayed all night with them on the last of August, 1849.

A SECTION OF ELIZA JOHN'S DIARY  
1841

5th month, 1st. 1841. I went to Shamokin and stayed over night at brother Jehu's. Next day was very stormy. William Underwood and Joseph Iddings came to our house and stayed overnight, while I was away from home for which I was sorry. Next day they were at our Meeting which was fine and large. They were on their way to the Yearly Meeting of Friends. We heard of the death of Edward Lionville of Catawissa; a valuable friend. Next day Casper Heartman was laid low in the grave, a worthy Methodist. One that will be very much missed in this neighborhood.

5th month. 5th and fourth of the week. Elida, Samuel, Perry and myself left for Philadelphia. Just after sunrise we passed through Bear Gap in the Little Mountain. Then over the Big Mountain and had a beautiful prospect of the valley between the mountains. Next we crossed the Locust Mountains. We stopped to feed at 10'oclock at Peter Klein's Tavern, ten miles from Bear Gap. Then we crossed the Broad Mountain and had a romantic prospect for many miles around. We passed through New Castle, a little town that has gone down and looks shabby. We saw the railroad along the Incline Plain. It was a curiosity and very steep. Next we passed a powder mill, then through St. Clairville and on to Port Carbon, a handsome thrifty town. We saw a number of coal mines. Then on to Pottsville, the largest town I ever saw. We eat at Mortimer's Hotel. I was introduced into a room where a friend from Baltimore by the name of Husband was teaching boys to write. After they had finished their task, they all went away. I was told he gave ten lessons for a dollar. It was a rainy afternoon, therefore, I had not as good a chance of seeing around. We traveled eight miles to Orwigsburg and stayed all night at Michael Greaf's tavern, which was close by the Courthouse. We saw the likeness of eight presidents. Next morning early, we started and passed a Mill that had been burnt down last summer, but it is rebuilt. There were iron works there too. We passed through Port Clinton which has perhaps 30 or 40 houses and a foundry. A railroad from Tamaqua reaches this point and a canal, but this is a dull lifeless place, it seemed to me. Below there, we saw a big dam, but did not get a fair sight of the tunnel. They are making a railroad from Pottsville to Reading. We stopped at Hamburg at John Bailey's Inn for breakfast. We traveled eleven miles that morning and had an excellent breakfast of shad, sausage, ham and eggs.

Then we traveled on to Madin Creek and arrived at our king Friend James and Sarah Starr's about one o'clock and took some dinner there. They have five children. They informed us that 17 Friends had passed there on their way to the city. About two o'clock we started again and passed Madin Creek Friends Meeting House and some excellent buildings and delightful farms. We saw the Wright girls home, five sisters of them. The buildings we passed are chiefly stone, neatly finished off. Limestone houses look better than those built of common stone.

We traveled over the Oley Hills which were very rough indeed and with distressingly bad roads. We passed Friedensburg, a beautiful little town, the buildings were chiefly of stone. The houses were small and neat. Stores, taverns and so forth. We came to Exeter and passed the Friends Meeting House there, then on to John Lee's near Nonocacy Creek. We had traveled 16 miles from Starr's over awful roads. We arrived at Lee's just before dark. We were kindly received and entertained by them. We had traveled 35 miles that day.

Next morning John Lee brought us out to Reading Turnpike. Then we saw beautiful farms, chiefly stone buildings, some were plastered, some rough cast. We traveled in sight of the Schuylkill and railroad for some distance. We passed through Douglasville where the road turns off to Forrest and Chester County. Also passed through Pottstown, a most delightful situated town where the noted Ruthann Rutter was raised. I thought of her and wondered which house she lived in. Saw a splendid white house on a little hill with a walk on top and porches around the house. We heard afterwards it was called Pott's folly.

We passed the Trappe, Jeffersonville and also passed the Perkiomen Bridge, a wonderful sight. Here the Turnpike forks, one goes to Norristown, the other goes to Germantown. Saw the railroad bridge over a creek. I thought it was nearly as long as a river bridge. The bridges here are chiefly stone, walled up on each side. The name of the stream the bridge is over and who built it and what year and so forth was on the bridge. We eat at Peter Buckersin's in Limerick Township. At length we arrived at Norristown, the largest and most splendid I had yet seen.

We stopped to eat at a Stage Office. Brother Perry and I walked down to the Cotton Factory, a most wonderful sight. They were carding, spinning, and weaving. They told me there were between one and two hundred hands at work, men, girls and boys. They said one loom could weave about 40 yards a day. It looked like 8 or 10 cent muslin. One girl told me it was to be sent to Philadelphia and printed for eleven penny bit calico. I was sorry the time was so short that we could not view more of the curiosities in the factory. We traveled on to Plymouth and found where Septimus Woods lived. Perry and myself turned there. Elida went on to Philadelphia. It being a distance of 13 miles to the city from there. Septimus Woods lives on the Turnpike that is called the Reading Turnpike, leading to Germantown. (That is part of Philadelphia now). Well, we were welcomed by them.

This was Eliza's first trip to Meetings in Philadelphia.

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#### SKETCHES FROM ELIZA JOHN'S DIARY

I have a copy of this Diary, copied for me by Elizabeth Heritage. (C.E. John)

Abia John, the first child of Asa and Mary (Thomas) John, was married to Rebecca Asper in Ohio on the 17th of March, 1852.

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Jesse John, the third child of Asa and Mary (Thomas) John, was married to Mary Marks on the 11th of March, 1853.

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On the 1st of May, 1852, Eliza John stayed over night at Jehu and Patience John's in Shamokin.

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Mary P. John, married Alfred Tomline on the 12th of January, 1852.

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There were a lot of the John relations living near Shamokin and Roaring Creek in Columbia and Northumberland Counties, Pennsylvania. In 1850, there were Ruben, Asa, Jehu, Hiram, Eliza, Sarah, Abia, Senior, Abishai, Samuel, Perry John, with their families and a lot of others.

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There was a Elida John, son of Abia, John and a John E. Kester that married Mary Ann John, the daughter of Ruben and Sophia John, and there was a James John, the son of Hiram John. He died on the 11th of March, 1852. All of these lived around there.

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Dr. Palemon John, son of Elida John, married Jessie Carr on the 3rd of November, 1860. There was a Mary Ann John, that married R. H. Walter, on the 4th of May, 1854.

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After the death of their parents, Eliza and Sarah John, lived together on their farm until they built a house on a piece of ground nearby.

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Eliza John, quotes some prices in 1854. She paid  $25\frac{1}{2}$  cents for a bed, she said that was monstrous high for two.  $37\frac{1}{2}$  cents for dinner. Wheat in 1855, was \$2.25 a bushel. Rye \$1.20. Buckwheat \$1.00. Corn \$1.00. Hay \$20.00 a ton. Butter 20 cents a pound. Eggs at 14¢ a dozen.

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There was a Leartis John, son of Samuel John, there was a Ametia, Verna and Reese John, children of one of the John's there. Amos John, son of Asa John, died on the 26th of July, 1851. Leartis John died in 1854. Franklin John had typhoid fever in 1854.

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On the 12th of May, 1855, Milinda, Lucretia and Sarah John stayed all night at Perry's and in the morning went over to Eliza's and Sarah's for breakfast.

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Edwin John, son of Elida John married Rachel E. Eves on the 26th of November, 1857.

Eliza speaks quite often about a town called Petersburg. They would go there to the train. I found out that it is now called Elysburg.

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Griffith John, (the son of Abia and Martha John), and Abia John from Ohio, and Jehu and Patience and their youngest daughter Verdilia, visited Eliza and Sarah John on the 23rd of October, 1857.

Joseph John, son of Asa John, married Sara Williams on the 6th of February, 1862, and Kersey John, son of Samuel John, married Drogen Zimmermon on the 28th of March, 1861, and on April 4th they moved to the farm.

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Kimber, Cephas and Jefferson John, started to War in 1861. This was on the 21st of April 1861.

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Mary Jane (John) Yocum, died on the 27th of February, 1861. There was a large funeral.

Abia C. John, went to war on the 24th of October, 1861. She says that there were a lot going now.

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Perry John, took his son Griffith John, to Roaring Creek to see about getting a school to teach. He got the Eck School.

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She was at John Davis' to the funeral of Johanna Horne. She was of John Phillips family, Eliza's cousin.

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Lydia T. Jefferson, Eliza's cousin came to see her on the 12th of August, 1862.

Dr. Jesse John, married Elizabeth Krick in February, 1854.

Griffith John's widow, Rachel John, died on the 24th of July, 1862. She was Eliza's cousin.

Mary Ann John, married Isaac Troxler on the 4th of May, 1854.

Allen John is in a strange way, he thinks that he is going to die, and is not ready or prepared. He was Ruben's son and this was on the 27th of February, 1863.

Leartis John, on the 8th of September, 1854, said that he had his peace made with God and was ready to go.

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Ruben John, preached his farewell sermon at the Bear Gap Friends Meeting on the 1st of May, 1855, and left for Illinois the next day.

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Osborn Williams and family paid their last visit to Eliza and Sarah John before leaving for Illinois. This was on the 1st of April, 1857.

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James M. John, son of Hiram John, and Sarah (Miller) John, passed away on the 10th of January, 1852.

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Eliza John was a hard worker. In her diary she mentions so often about her planting and digging potatoes, and her garden work, hauling straw, picking apples, and some of her folks hauling them for her.

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Besides she spent so much time at Meetings near home and to other places, some as far as Philadelphia.

In her diary she mentions often about the weather, heavy rain storms, hail and lightning and snow storms, having to break the roads out so they could get through.

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Moving day. April 1st., 1852. Hiram John moved to Abishai John's. Peter Yocum moved to Hiram's. Abia John moved to Peter Yocum's and Jacob Conrad to Abia John's old farm.

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Jehu John's wife's father Solomon Houseweart left Pennsylvania for Illinois on the 26th of September, 1849. Eliza John went with them as far as Petersburg, Pennsylvania.

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Isaac John, the fourth child of Ruben John, and Leartis John, the second child of Samuel John, were converted at Meeting on the 13th of December, 1851. Friends Meeting.

Their friends and relations would visit with each other a lot. They would have meals together and stay over night. They seemed to have such good times together.

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Eliza John, made trips to Philadelphia to big Meetings. Sometimes she would have to change from trains to stages and horses. She paid  $12\frac{1}{2}$  cents a piece for beds.

She bought a cow from Sophia King for \$15.00, on the 20th of January, 1862. George John, son of Elida John, started to war in April, 1861.

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Allen John paid Eliza John his last visit before going to Illinois. I believe Ruben and family went to Illinois at the same time, for Eliza said that she was sorry to see Ruben's girls go. This was about the time that Elida and Samuel John left for Illinois. They may have all gone together. This was on the 19th of May, 1857. Daniel John moved about the same time. He had a brother by the name of Asa Josiah John.

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July 1, 1849. James Andrews, Elizabeth Newport and Mary Hallowell, with Elida John came here on a family visit. They had an opportunity with Sarah and I first, and said a great deal to both of us, being encouraging if we would only be faithful.

When they went to Perry's family, they invited us down. She spoke a great deal to James Smith making him out for a great man in the glorious cause if he would be faithful to manifested duty to war for righteousness and be a captain of a little band, to be a leader, a pioneer to pull down and build up again.

They stayed all night. Next morning they went to Abia John's and at four o'clock had a meeting and a memorable one it was. (That sounds like it could have been the early Salvation Army). This was in 1849. James Smith, Isaac John, and Elizabeth Van Horn and I walked to meeting. Good many there. Then we went to Elida John's after meeting. Abia C. John brought us home.

The 10th. Went to Catawissa Preparative Meeting, and then to Roaring Creek to John Lee's. After supper I went to Eleanor Lee's and stayed all night. Next day we went to Amos John's home, and from there to Meeting. A good many there.

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September 16, 1850. Next day after dinner Margaret Tietsworth was here at Asa's spinning wool.

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The 19th. This being our Meeting Day, quite rainy, there was a number there. Rebecca preached nice.

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22nd. It was our first day meeting. Ruben preached nice. also Perry and Rebecca.

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25th. Rebecca and I went to the farm for fruit. That night we were at a peach cutting at Elida's. I stayed all night at Perry's and it was a very stormy night. Next morning it was worse but it broke about noon.

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October 1, 1850. I put an answer to a letter from Samuel Yarnell in office at Bear Gap, then went to Abishai John's and ate watermellon.

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10-9-1850. I was at Samuel's helping quilt. I saw a great animal show at Bear Gap, on the 26th.

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26th. I saw two elephants, two ponies and 17 or 18 wagons; one with 8 horses, at the animal show.

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10-28-1850. I went to Abia John's to pick winter apples.

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11-5-1850. I and Asa John went to our farm to get a load of apples.

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12-27-1850. Went to the farm for a load of corn.

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1-1-1851. We were invited to Samuel John's to a carpet sewing and to eat roast goose.

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End of Eliza's Diary Quotations

ABIA, SENIOR AND MARTHA JOHN'S CHILDREN  
(See Page 50)

XIII. Perry John

Perry John, the thirteenth child of Abia, Senior and Martha John, was born on the 28th of March, 1815. in Shamokin Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

He was born on his parent's farm and went to school and grew to manhood right around those parts.

When he was 22, he married Anne Eves in September, 1837, and to them was born one child. Namely, Ezra John who died in youth.

Anne (Eves) John, Perry's wife died in 1859.

He married the second time to Rebecca Underwood, who was a Friends Minister as was her husband, Perry John.

To them were born three children, namely; 1. Griffith, 2. Zepheniah, and 3. William John.

Rebecca (Underwood) John, Perry's wife died in 1877 and Perry on the 5th of September, 1895. Age 80. He was buried in the Friends burying ground near Bear Gap by the Meeting House. Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. (I was at this burial ground in 1958. and it is in bad shape, brush and trees all over the ground - C.E. John)

Perry John was a wheelwright by trade and a minister of the Friends for a good many years. He organized the Quaker Meeting at Ralpho about 1895.

He manufactured wagons and the like in Catawissa and Paxinos, Pennsylvania, for over thirty years.

He moved into his new home on the 4th of August, 1849. He used the ground floor for his wagon shop until he built his shop.

PERRY AND REBECCA (UNDERWOOD) JOHN'S CHILDREN

Griffith John, the second child of Perry John, and the first child of Perry and Rebecca (Underwood) John, was born on the 17th of October, 1843, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

When he was a little past six, he had his first experience of going to school. This was in the year of 1849, and the name of the school was "The Cross Roads School". There were quite a few of their relations going to that school at that time; 18 including himself, namely;

Elida John had six -

1. Hough, 2. Ruthann, 3. Chalkly, 4. Sarah E., 5. George G., 6. Lydia.

Samuel John had five -

1. Leartis, 2. Ulyssess F. 3. Kersey, 4. Jefferson and 5. Vianna A. John.

Hiram John had five children -

1. Martha, 2. William, 3. Llewellyn, 4. Harriet and 5. Rahamah John

Asa John's grandson Townsend John was going there also.

Griffith John grew to manhood while working on his parents farm, and going to school and finishing his education. He then started teaching school. One of his first schools was the Eck School, near Roaring Creek and the Kingbanis' Mill.

#### FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE

The people from the M. E. Church asked for the use of the Friends Meeting House near Bear Gap, to start a Union Sunday School, which was granted. They put Griffith and his brother William John, in charge of it. This continued for a long time. In 1906, the people that attended Sunday School there put a new shingled roof on it at their own expense. There were several church groups worked together there.

In August, 1913, Griffith John, sold out in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, and moved to Mickleton, New Jersey. This town is just a few miles from Millica Hill where his brother William John was now living. He made his home there for the rest of his life.

He never married. He was a great worker in the Friends or Quaker Meetings. He taught a large Bible class in Mickleton until near the end of his life. The last few years his legs became weak; his friends would push him in a wheel chair to his Bible class, and where he wished to go.

He composed quite a number of poems. They were mostly about the people, place and things that he had seen as he traveled around about his old home, school and church.

"I put one of his poems in this history about the school and Meeting House near Bear Gap on page 90 . I stood on the same ground where he stood, when he composed this poem. I tried to take the same view. - " - C.E. John.

After his brother, William John, passed away, their son-in-law, Benjamin Heritage, invited him and William's mother-in-law, Ruth H. (Roberts) John, to come and live in their home, which they did. He then offered his home in Mickletown for sale on the 30th of April, 1926.

He went home to his reward on the 28th of February, 1928, at the age of 85. He lived a victorious life.

Zepheniah John, the third child of Perry John, and the second child of Perry and Rebecca (Underwood) John, was born in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. He died in youth.

#### William Underwood John

William U. John, the fourth child of Perry John, and the third child of Perry and Rebecca Underwood John, and the youngest brother of Griffith John, was born in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

He also grew to manhood on his parents farm while going to school. In later years he moved to Mullica Hill, New Jersey, where he spent the rest of his life. He was born in 1847, and passed away on the 20th of March, 1926. Age 79.

He married Ruth H. Roberts in 1875. To them were born four children, namely; 1. Mary Ann Jefferies, 2. Rebecca Alice, 3. Ruth Hannah, and 4. Rachel Ellen John. She was called home on the 1st of June, 1961.

Mary Ann J. John, the first child of William U. and Ruth W. (Roberts) John, married John Omar Heritage. And to them was born at least a son, named Benjamin Paul Heritage. He married Mary Deshong Bell, and their home was in Mullica Hill, New Jersey. ( I was there in 1957-C. E. John).

To Benjamin P. and Mary D. (Bell) Heritage was born four children.

1. Elizabeth Bell Heritage was born on the 17th of January, 1939, in New Jersey. (She did history copying for me in 1957-58-60 - C.E. John). She was married to Norman James Farquhar, on the tenth of February, 1962, at Mullica Hill, New Jersey.
2. Benjamin Paul Heritage, Junior, was born on the 10th of December, 1942. He was not at all well for several years and passed on to his reward on the 17th of September, 1951. Age 19.
3. Margaret Heritage was born on the 18th of June, 1945.
4. Jonathan William Heritage, was born on the 26th of May, 1946.

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THE OLD FAMILY BIBLE OF GRIFFITH JOHN, JUNIOR

The old family Bible that Griffith John, Junior (the seventh child of Griffith John, Senior, the emigrant), that had the records in, was left in the care of Ruben John, the fifth child of Abia John, then to his youngest brother Perry John, and after he passed away it was put in the care of Benjamin P. and Mary (Bell) Heritage who were William John's grandchildren in Mullica Hill, New Jersey.

## LOOKING BACK

Griffith John, the second child of Perry and Rebecca John, and grandson of Abia and Martha John, was among the last of the John family to move away from Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. As the years went by the Quakers and most of the John's moved to other parts of the country, and the older ones died, until there were very few of them left. He was the youngest brother of Ruben, Jehu and Perry John, and Eliza John was a sister. She kept a wonderful diary of dates and events of her day.

Griffith John composed a lot of poems about different things and places that he had to do with.

His uncle Asa T. John, sold a piece of land to the Quakers for a place to build a Meeting House. Perry John was one of the trustees to look after it, and Asa T. John had the contract to build it. There was a log school house close by it. I believe that this was the school that my mother, Mrs. Lucretia Elmira John, went to in her early days.

One of the poems that Griffith wrote was about this Quaker or Friends Meeting House and the school.

The Poem is on the following page.

## LOOKING BACK

Entitled: Friends Meeting House, near Bear Gap

The modest Meeting House of which I write,  
There on a flat topped hill's commanding height,  
The Meeting House where Friends once used to meet,  
Stands in the nook, a pleasant retreat.  
And with prevailing quiet around;  
Bright scene where Nature's still abound.  
Now fronting South, a gentle slope extends  
Just to the road. Beyond the prospect ends,  
Closed by a narrow belt of branching trees  
Where summer charmes and leafy verdure please  
While to the North East Broad varied fields are green,  
With cultivated crops all growing bright and green.  
In sight a farm home still mute the view,  
Hard by the traveled way which passes through.  
And farther off the higher hills arise  
In massive form to meet beholding eyes.  
The hills make rugged work of Nature's Seen.  
With wooded sides all clad in garb of green,  
And pierced by glens irregular and wild,  
Amid the rock and earth around them piled,  
Then at one point in Northern view  
Appears the Catawissa Mountain blue.  
Then looking Westward are the forest bounds,  
Almost encroaching on the Meeting Grounds,  
Which spread o'er hillside and the plain below,  
When Chestnut, Maple, Oak and Pine in contrast grow,  
Our homeward road leads down a gentle rise,  
From out the felting trees to open skies,  
To level stretch high up along the slope.  
Whence Southward, one takes in the Country's scope.  
Now from the road there's widening space  
Of forest cleared far down the Hillside Face  
The long descent becoming very steep.  
Then forms the border of a ravine deep.  
The wooded Mountain South with color blue  
And even height sets limits to the view.  
But Bear Gap breaks this length of Mountain Crest  
And adds it's feature bold to all the rest.  
Appearing large, imposing to the sight.  
To yield a Nature lovers keen delight.  
Where through the Gap appears some fields confined  
By neighbor's woods with Mountains still behind  
While from the Gap extends a narrow vale.  
And shows with changing Scene a rugged dale.  
Through which in course the sounding waters flow  
Well known as Roaring Creek is there below.  
Right there at foot of steep descending hill.  
Beholding you look down on Kingbannis Mill.  
Off to the left on rising ground  
With open fields spread wide around.  
The M. E. Church is painted coat of white,  
Stands by itself amid the landscape bright.  
If you direct your gaze toward the East

You see extending for twelve miles at least  
 Along the Mountains to it's curving rim  
 Farm after farm, the farthest growing dim  
 Which clearly show the features of a border fair  
 That grows more pleasing when the sunshine lights it there.  
 Here of't clouds shadows fleck the lower land  
 Or climb the sloping heights in ev'ry hand.  
 They follow each in idle chase and slow.  
 In patches of inconstant shade they go.  
 Let us now to the Meeting House retrace  
 Our steps in easy daunting pace.  
 The Grounds then reached we then review the Past  
 They fill our minds arising Thick and fast.  
 Those thoughts which take us back to years gone by.  
 When joyful life was young and hopes were high.  
 Within that House how of't an hour we spent.  
 As objects of parental care content,  
 And free from anxious Thought and all concern  
 About the future or the days return.  
 In ministrations call our Father heard  
 In speech direct give forth the Spoken Word.  
 And Mother too in her persuasive tone  
 Set forth the truth that all must own.  
 Advise fell from their lips and counsel true,  
 Outlined the course the Christian should pursue.  
 These things in riper age impressed us more  
 When we could feel there force and think them o'er.  
 Then reason too confirmed undaunted fact,  
 That something hangs on each and ev'ry act.  
 What'er we do in stand for good or ill,  
 The plan Divine to thwart or to fulfill,  
 To make us strong or lead us to defeat,  
 In trials, disappointments we may meet:  
 Which 'tis just and proper we should need.  
 For life's a field of labor learn to know,  
 In which with hope and faith to better grow.  
 While so we seek the highest and the best,  
 The sense of being right will give us rest.  
 We'll view the little gathering of Friends  
 That long ago there religious ends  
 Their service to perform assembled here  
 With purpose good and true and all sincere.  
 On facing seat the brothers through with look intent,  
 Conclusive showed their minds on worship bent.  
 Those were Elida, Perry, Asa too  
 That here with faith their Strength they might renew.  
 Abia, Asa's son was faithful to attend  
 And kept it up till near his end.  
 And William Thomas mostly came whose portly form  
 Seemed suited well to weather ev'ry wind and storm  
 His broad and open face betrayed no anxious thought  
 With kindly ways and good intentions fraught  
 And Uncle Abishai bent with weight of passing years  
 In meeting often pleased to take his place appears.  
 His head was whitened o'er with silver hair  
 His face was marked by lines of age and care.  
 John Walter then to seek the quiet seemed content

As straight to his corner by the window went.  
John Kester with ready smile and easy turn  
The benefit of Meeting did not spurn.  
But Joseph John was sure each Sunday to attend  
And to the friendly interest himself to lend.  
There Uncle Sammy often found a seat  
In time long past, thus his brothers there to meet.

#### THE WOMAN SIDE OF THE HOUSE

Our Mother with Aunt Sarah and Polly grace  
The fronting seat as they serenely sit in place.  
Their open faces tell that calm composure reigns  
Within their minds which strong religious hope sustains.  
Aunt Emily though old was frequent there  
When storm was absent and the Weather fair.  
And Aunt Eliza to her faith was true  
For in the cause did all that she could do.  
Aunt Sally too was sometimes seated there  
In days of brightness and warm Summer air.  
She ever wore a calm contented look  
Her words and deeds of great good sense partook  
And other worthy women also came  
Whom I'll now pass by and not stop to name  
The girls and boys sat on the benches back  
Whose presence there the Meeting did not lack.

A few yards nearer the Western Wood  
From Meeting House, an old log building stood.  
But long unused, abandoned to decay.  
The roof was bad, the shingles blown away.  
The windows void of sash, like Vacant Stare  
Of sightless eyes, looked out on prospect fair.  
The open entrance barren no man nor beast,  
It's public use and service long had ceased.  
But there it was reminder of the Past,  
Whose log built walls defied the storm and blast.  
Here once a school was kept and teachers taught  
Dispensed that little knowledge then was sought.

Griffith John

"Things have changed, the old mill on Roaring Creek is no more. The old stage coaches are a thing of the past. The old log school house and churches have been replaced with new. The old timers are either dead or have moved to other parts. But their memories still remain.

I received these poems from letters written from Griffith John to his cousin Sarah (John) Burch in Rockford, Illinois! - C.E. John.

A LETTER WRITTEN BY GRIFFITH JOHN TO HIS COUSIN SARAH (JOHN) BURCH

Mickleton, N. J.  
September 6th, 1922.

Dear Cousin:

Your letter received, glad to hear from you. I have for a long time been interested in the genealogy of our John family.

Grandfather, Abia John had seventy-eight grandchildren enumerated as follows:

- Asa F. had six children
- Hiram had thirteen children
- Emily had two children
- Griffith had twelve children
- Ruben had nine children
- Lydia had four children
- Jesse J. had one child
- Elida had ten children
- Jehu had seven children
- Samuel had ten children
- Perry had four children

My brother William and I, living. The others died in childhood. Asa married Mary Thomas. Hiram twice married, first to Sarah Miller and the second time to Elizabeth Miller. Emily twice married, first to Levi Hughes, second time to Abishai Thomas, she had a son by the first marriage, and a daughter by the second.

Griffith to Rachel Miller. I do not know that she was any relation to Uncle Hiram's wives.

Ruben married Sophia Mettler, Lydia married, first to John Wolverton, second time to Amos Yarnell. She had no children by the first husband.

Jesse J. married Eliza V. Hicks. Had a son Jesse J. Elida married Sarah Hughes. Samuel married Angelina John, a descendant of Samuel John, a brother to our great-great grandfather Griffith John.

Jehu John married Patience Houseweart. Perry married twice, first to Anna Eves, and second time to Rebecca Underwood. The mother of William and I.

Griffith John, the emigrant, was born in Pembrokeshire, the south western county of Wales, in 1683. He came over in 1709 and settled in Uwchlan Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

He married Ann Williams and had twelve children.. He died in 1778; was a minister among the Friends. Grandmother John's grandmother, Joanna Townsend, was born at Earton-on-Trent, Staffordshire, England.

Death has claimed the greater number of the 78. Of Uncle Elida's 10, only 3 are left. Of Uncle Sammy's, 3 living out of 10. Uncle Asa's children all deceased. Aunt Emily's likewise, and nearly all of Uncle Ruben's. I don't know how many of Uncle Griffith's are alive; it has been so long since we have

heard anything from them.

One of Uncle Hiram's grandchildren, lives in Woodbury, five miles from here. She was the daughter of James John, and is the wife of Warner Underwood. She was Tamar Eliza John, before marriage.

We now have visiting us a grandson of Uncle Asa, Josiah John and a married daughter. He was a younger brother of Daniel John who lived among your people in Illinois. Omar Heritage, William's son-in-law, is this day taking them on an automobile trip through a portion of South Jersey, so they can enjoy viewing the scenery of the country, and note the appearance once of the towns they pass through.

This part of New Jersey is thickly settled, and dotted with towns. A short distance above Mickleton, is Clarksboro and a little beyond that, on the road to Woodsburys is Mount Royal. Woodsbury has about 7,000 inhabitants. Paulsboro has 2,500 and it is four miles west and Swedesboro four miles to the south has about the same number. Mullica Hill, four miles to the east is larger than Mickleton, but not nearly as fine a looking place.

The farther off are Woodstown, Bridgeton, Pitman, Glassboro, Hardinville, Elmer, Davetown and C.

I enclose a Poem composed by me seven years ago describing Mickleton. I do not claim that it is anything extra in the way of poetry, but it suited me to write it in verse, as I thought I could handle the subject better, and with greater brevity in bringing out the points, than in prose. I am not the only one of the Johns that took a hand in verse making. Grandmother John wrote a Poem describing her feeling on coming to Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, to live. Grace Davis, one of the grandfather's married sisters, gave vent to her feeling in poetic strain.

Several of Uncle Elida's children now and then wrote in rhyme, or at least did something in that way. Martha Ann, his oldest daughter, produced a collection of Poems which were full of feeling, descriptive and to the point. These she had published.

Cousin George made some good hits in a humorous rhyming way. Uncle Sammy also wrote a few articles in this line, but they were nothing but humorous strains contained in those sketches.

Once William and I attended teachers institute in Shamokin; put up at Uncle Sammy's. In the evenings he would take us over to his office and besides telling of his experience in teaching, he would read these poetic productions of his to us.

With kind regards,

Griffith John

Mickleton, N. J.  
10th mo. 2nd. 1916.

Dear Cousin  
(Sarah (John) Burch)

In answer to thy request for information regarding our old Meeting House and the one at Roaring Creek, and the Meeting held in each, I am able to furnish the following data:

Our Shamokin Meeting as it was originally called, was started in the fall of 1840, being at first held circulatory at Uncle Asa's, Uncle Elida's, and at the residence near Paxinos, where our folks and Aunt Sarah and Eliza then lived.

In the summer of 1845, the Meeting House was built. Uncle Asa gave the ground and had the contract of putting it up. The first meeting held in the House was 9-7-1845. Benjamin Sharpless and some other Friends attended the opening on that date, which set it up as an established Meeting.

After the decease of Cousin Abia in 12 mo. 1883, we discontinued going to the Meeting House, there being no one to meet with us and mother's declining health obliged us to take this step.

So from that time on, we held our Meetings at home, and held them there regularly up to the date of our coming to New Jersey in 1913.

That laid down our Bear Gap Meetings. In 1st mo. 1883, we changed the name to Bear Gap Meeting because Shamokin Township was divided and our section of it was named Ralpho, and as Shamokin Meeting was no longer in Shamokin Township, it was thought to be misleading to call it by that name so we changed to Bear Gap.

I should have said the Meetings were regularly held at our home, with the exception of several years while we were connected with the Sunday School. We held our First Day Meetings at the Meeting House.

Roaring Creek Meeting House was built in 1796, and the Meeting established. The removal of Uncle Ruben to Illinois in 1855, the decease of James Strikes and Rawland Hughs in 1860, and Samuel Hampton old and decrepit who died about 1864, caused the discontinuance of the Meeting at the Meeting House.

It was then held at the residence of Martha and Ellen Ler, familiarly known as Patty and Nellie.

In 1861, it was held at Enock Kesters', then it was at Mary Ann and Rachel Cherington's until Mary Ann's death in 1878, after which it went to Enock Kesters' home. Enock died in 1884. His widow Ruthanna kept it going at her home till the time of her death in 1901. Her sister Mary, the widow of Lawson Hughs, opened her house, when it was kept up by Asa, Minta and Elwood Kester, daughter and son of Enock and Ruthanna until 1910.

Since then they held the Monthly Meeting circulatory at their own home,

Cherington Kester's home, Ruben Beaver's home and Grant Beaver's home. The regular First Day Meetings in 1910. Roaring Creek Monthly is done for, and will not last much longer.

I shall now fill out this account with a few extras from the Minutes of Roaring Creek Monthly Meeting. 12. mo-13th - 1848. Benjamin Hughes requests to be received into membership. Warrington Quarter to appoint some Meetings. Elida John is appointed to visit him on the subject.

I was clerk for some years preceding 1848. I hope there was much benefit received from thy treatment at the Hospital. It is a great blessing to keep well. My being somewhat of a cripple is a considerable handicap to my getting about, especially going up and down steps, but I am favored still with the aid of a cane to take my walks along the different roads, a mile is generally my limit. Once and a while I have walked up to Clarksburg a mile away. Tho the last time I did this, I had the opportunity of riding back. I am glad the Meeting H use is so convenient and has not put in steps. My health is good, and I have such surroundings for which I am very thankful.

With kind regards to thee and family.

Your cousin

Griffith John

A LETTER WRITTEN BY GRIFFITH JOHN TO HIS COUSIN SARAH (JOHN) BURCH

Mickleton, N. J.

October 23rd, 1922

Dear Cousin:

I had word from R. Anna Kester to whom I wrote, that our Grandmother's Poem had been in her possession but it was lost. She could not find it anywhere.

I will send another poem of mine. "The Friends' Meeting House near Bear Gap". The description of those met together, applies to a time, after Uncle Hiram and family moved to Illinois which was in the spring of 1852.

Our father and mother, Perry and Rebecca John were regular attendants, rain or shine. Also Uncle Elida and Aunt Sarah. They generally came to Meeting with a carriage load bringing a number of their children.

Uncle Sammy was often present before they moved to Shamokin in 1859. Aunt Angeline tho a Methodist would get there now and then. Several of their children would often walk, the mile and a half, along with Uncle Elida's boys. Joseph John, Uncle Asa's son, though not a member, was regularly with us. Abia and Ann, Uncle Asa's daughter, joined with Friends. She married John Kester.

The other children, Townsend, Amos, and Jesse G. never belonged. John Walter married Eliza, J. J. John's widow. They had three children. Eliza was the mother of Dr. J. J. John, a prominent man of Shamokin.

For a number of years the attendance there was not below 35. After a time

in consequence of the passing away of some of the old members, the removal of others to different places, there was none left outside of our family.

There is now not a single Friend in that neighborhood. The House then for some years was closed. In 1906, several members of the Fear Gap Methodist Church applied to us for the use of our Meeting House to start a Sunday School. Asked brother William and I to take charge of it. So we set up a Union Sunday School composed of Methodist, Lutherans, Presbyterians, and Friends. They all entered whole heartedly into the work and we had an interesting Sunday School. William became Superintendent and I taught a class. Part of the time, we used Cooks Lesson Leaves and later the Lutheran Lesson Leaves.

Friends then had not been in the way of making use of music and singing in any part of their religious work, but we agreed not to exclude it. They were very much pleased with these concessions, so much so that they bought the shingles and put a new roof on the building at their own expense.

They continued the school for some years after we left in 1913, to settle in New Jersey. They had been in the way of holding an annual picnic on the beautiful grounds patronized by the whole community.

With kind regards.

Griffith John

A LETTER WRITTEN BY GRIFFITH JOHN TO HIS COUSIN SARAH (JOHN) BURCH

Mickleton, N. J.

November 12th, 1923

Dear Cousin:

October has turned us over to November and the bright coloring of the leaves is passing, and many of them are down littering the yards and the walks bordering the street, which necessitates some raking. We have had here scarcely any frost till November came in. Since that, there has been three frosts that were quite heavy and killed the white potato tops, which up to this date were quite fresh and green ( the late ones).

How natural it is to look back on the past, particularly of our earlier lives. In thinking of many things, I call up memories of our good old aunts and their doings. But I was more intimately associated with Aunt Sally, as we call her, and Aunt Eliza. The Uncles also come in for my regard.

On this account I was interested in Aunt Eliza's diary. Many of the circumstances narrated there I have a partial recollection of, and besides it posted me in dates, marriages and deaths of individuals, many of whom lived in our old neighborhood, as well as, other acquaintances.

She also gives accounts of her attendance at Friends Meetings, and the ministers who attended them. Aunt Sally and Eliza were always good to

William and myself, so therefore we retained an affectionate remembrance of them.

After they left the old farm they rented a room in Uncle Asa's residence for more than a year. In 1850, they had a house built on two acres that they bought of Uncle Elida which included a three quarter acre piece of woods at the end farthest east from the road.

This lot was on the northern side of a road extending toward the east. We lived on the south side of this road only a short walk from their residence. They also had a stable built in which they kept a cow which they pastured with Uncle Elida's stock. They also kept chickens.

They moved to this home in 1851, and two or three years later sold their farm. Brother William and myself were often there and frequently played in the woods.

These aunts were readers of the Friends Intelligence. But Aunt Eliza had so much on her hands; household work, giving attention to the fine garden she kept, and the yard full of flowers, cultivating a truck patch, and looking after other affairs that she fell behind reading Intelligence. Once she was two months behind, so she had me to come over in the evenings and read, beginning at seven o'clock and reading till nine in which time, I would read one number through. In eight nights reading them, brought her up to date.

With all this she was faithful in attending Friends Meetings, Aunt Sally could tell so much of grandfather's family affairs as well as neighborhood doings. Besides she had read in newspapers or in old Almanacs a number of curious and amusing stories, which at times she used to relate, and they always interested me. She had such a faculty or grace in telling those stories that they greatly pleased and impressed the listeners.

In the early part of 1856, Alford Temlins, who married Mary P. John, Uncle Hiram's daughter, brought his three motherless children; Melita, Mary Josephine, and Anna Elizabeth, around to find places for them. Mary the mother had died. Aunt Sally and Eliza took Anna Elizabeth. Uncle Elida's took Mary Josephine. Uncle Abisha's made a home for Melita Temlins. In two years Mary J. died. Anna E. Lived with Aunt Sally and Liza till 1864, the year after Aunt Liza died. She then went to live with an aunt in New York, and finally homed with her father in La Salle in Illinois. The last I heard of her, she married Phillip Moyer, and they removed to Mtino, Canada. I don't know what Melita did after she left Uncle Abishai's near Bear Gap.

In 1851, Aunt Phoebe, she was grandmother John's youngest sister. I remember her. She appeared to be a fine dignified old lady. She visited Aunt Sally and Eliza and the rest of us during 1854, and a part of 1855.

Uncle Israel John, grandmother's youngest brother, was around amongst us and boarded at Aunt Sally's. He had two sons, Samuel and Ruben who lived near or at West Chester, Chester County, Pennsylvania. Israel John was always pleasant and sociable.

In 1864, after Aunt Eliza's passing away, Aunt Sally came to live in our family, and was with us till the early part of 1880. Aunt Sally always appeared contented and never out of humour. Just before she died she had

her senses and was in a happy frame of mind.

Aunt Eliza was a kind faithful sister and took the best kind of care of Aunt Sally who was afflicted often with severe attacks of asthma, but after she came to live with us, she was not troubled with it.

I was interested in looking over the program of the Rockford Woman's Club. William's second daughter, Rebecca, a member of our family, had a breakdown in health, and was obliged to quit her school and inside her a tumor appears to be the cause of her trouble. She was taken to Dr. Underwood's Hospital at Woodbury for treatment. We hope she will be restored to health.

With kind regards.

Griffith John

#### QUAKER LOG MEETING HOUSE

Catawissa, Columbia County, Pennsylvania

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UWCHLAN FRIENDS CHURCH



UWCHLAN FRIENDS CHURCH  
(Rear View)



UWCHLAN FRIENDS CEMETERY



Jehu John

husband of

Patience (Houseweart) John



Lorenzo T. John  
Son of Jehu and Patience John



Ruben John

husband of

Sophia (Mettler) John



Lucretia E. John  
daughter  
of Ruben and Sophia John



Lorenzo T. John

husband of

Lucretia E. (John) John



Clark E. John and wife Johanna Olsen John



Clark E. John son of Lorenzo T. John and Lucretia E. John

Clark E. John

Gladys Danielson John



Clark E. John remarried on December 18, 1960

## THE METTLERS

Phillip Mettler, was born on the 11th of January, 1763. His wife Mary (Allen) Mettler, was born on the 29th of November, 1765. They were the parents of Sophia (Mettler) John. Sophia was born on the 31st of March, 1801. She married Ruben John and they were the parents of Lucretia E. John.

To Phillips and Mary Mettler were born twelve children, namely;

1. Ruben Mettler, born on the 1st of November, 1786.  
Died on the 1st of August, 1802. Age 16.
2. Levi Mettler, born on the 7th of March, 1788.  
Died on the 20th of June, 1863. Age 75.
3. Anna Mettler, born on the 25th of January, 1790.  
Died \_\_\_\_\_
4. Mary Mettler, born on the 11th of August, 1792.  
Died on the 1st of February, 1825. Age 33.
5. William Mettler, born on the 2nd of November, 1794.  
Died on the 11th of September, 1871. Age 77.
6. Moses Mettler, born on the 8th of January, 1796.  
Died on the \_\_\_\_\_. (I have no record of death.
7. Daniel Mettler, born on the 19th of April, 1799  
Died on the 13th of December, 1884. Age 85.
8. Sophia Mettler, born on the 31st of March, 1801.  
Married Ruben John on the 4th of May, 1820.  
Died on the 7th of March, 1887. Age 86.
9. John Mettler, born on the 13th of July, 1803.
10. Susana Mettler, born on the 23rd of February, 1806.
11. Rachel Mettler, born on the 28th of March, 1808.
12. Phillip Mettler, born on the \_\_\_\_\_ (No date of birth)  
Died on the 24th of April, 1837.

OUR BRANCH OF THE "JOHN" FAMILY

FROM

ABIA AND MARTHA JOHN

(ABIA, THE SON OF GRIFFITH JOHN, JUNIOR)

JEHU JOHN

## FIFTH AND SIXTH GENERATION

FROM

RUBEN AND SOPHIA JOHN AND CHILDREN

### RUBEN JOHN

Ruben John, the fifth child of Abia and Martha John, (see page 19) was born on the 21st of March, 1798, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

He grew to manhood in Columbia and Northumberland Counties, helping his parents on their farm. He married Sophia Mettler, the daughter of Phillips and Mary Mettler, on the 4th of May, 1820.

To them were born nine children, namely; 1. Mary Ann, 2. Martha, 3. Melinda, 4. Isaac M. 5. Allen, 6. Franklin, 7. Lucretia E., 8. Harvey and 9. Sarah Jane John. ( A more detailed records on pages 109 to 114, inclusive.

Ruben John was a Quaker or Friends preacher. All the family were earnest church workers in the Friends Meetings. Ruben, his brothers, and other Quakers first held their meetings in a log schoolhouse near Bear Gap. This schoolhouse was near Asa John's (Ruben's uncle) until they built the Meeting House later. This was near the edge of the three counties, Northumberland, Columbia and Schuylkill. On the 1st of January, 1844, Asa John granted to Hiram, Elida and Perry John, for the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) one acre of land for the sole use and benefit of the Friends in that district. They first called this place. "The Friends Monthly Roaring Creek Meeting of Friends".

The contract for the building of the Meeting House was let to Asa John and the first meeting in the new Meeting House was in June, 1845, and Ruben John was one of the first to preach in the new church. The Friends were always ready and waiting to help anyone that needed help in sickness or other ways.

Ruben John, and his family, or at least part of his family, moved from their old home in Pennsylvania to Illinois in 1855. He sold their farm on the first of April, then had the sale of their personal things on the 19th of April. He preached his last and farewell sermon first of May, 1855. He left the next day for Illinois. Their daughters, Lucretia and Sarah Jane stayed all night at their aunts' Eliza and Sarah John's home and after eating their breakfast there, they all started on that long trip. Eliza in her diary said, "she hated to see them go as they may never see each other again".

The way of travel at that time was not good. I am not sure just how they made their trip, but their son Isaac John and his family left by covered wagon train with others from Illinois about the time Ruben did. They may have gone all together.

Ruben John, and family settled in Ogle County, near Dixon. He farmed for a living and at the same time preached for the Quakers or Friends for many years.

He died on the 26th of February, 1880, at the age of 82. His wife, Sophia John, outlived her husband seven years, She died on the 7th of March, 1887, at the age of 86. She was born on the 31st of March, 1801. Her name before marriage was Sophia Mettler.

They were both buried in the Quaker Burying ground at Dixon, Illinois. Not far from their farm home where they had lived so many years.

RUBEN AND SOPHIA JOHN'S CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

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Mary Ann John

Mary Ann John, the first child of Ruben and Sophia (Mettler) John, was born on the 23rd of November, 1820, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

She married John Kester and to them were born two children, namely;

1. Sarah Jane
2. Ruben Kester

Mary Ann (John) Kester, died on the 14th of March, 1903, in the state of Illinois. Age 83.

Marth John

Martha John, the second child of Ruben and Sophia (Mettler) John, was born on the 21th of March, 1823, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, on her parents farm near Bear Gap and Roaring Creek, and grew to womanhood there.

She married Osborn Williams, on the 20th of March, 1848, in Pennsylvania.

To them were born three children, namely, 1 Comley  
2. Ruben (See page 110)  
3. Anna Williams

They moved from Pennsylvania to Illinois on the 1st of April 1855, about the time that Isaac John and some others did. The others went by covered wagon train. Before they left they went and bid goodbye to Sarah and Eliza John and others of their friends.

Martha John died on the 20th of April, 1909. Age 86.

Her husband Osborn Williams, died on the 8th of July, 1884.

Martha (John) and Osborn Williams' Children and Grandchildren

Comley Williams, the first child, was born on the 15th of December, 1850, in Columbia County, Pennsylvania. He married Coten Hays on the 7th of February, in 1873. Coten (Hays) Williams was born on the 22nd of January, 1855.

Comley died on the 11th of December, 1933, in Arcadia, California, at the age of 83. His wife Coten (Hays) Williams, died on the 23rd of the same month at Arcadia, at the age of 81. Their bodies were taken back to Dixon, Illinois for burial.

To Comley and Coten (Hays) Williams was born one child, a son, namely; Osborn Williams. He was born on the 20th of October, 1881, in Illinois.

Osborn Williams, son of Comley and Coten Williams, married Frances M. McCleary. She was born on the 22nd of January, 1885.

Their address in 1958, was 2911 Mataro Street, Pasadena, California

Ruben Williams, the second child of Martha (John) and Osborn Williams, was born on the 14th of August, 1855, in Illinois. He married on the 6th of December, 1873. He died on the 20th of November, 1907, in Illinois.

Anna Williams, the third child of Martha (John) and Osborn Williams, was born on the 7th of May, 1862, in Illinois. She married Emanuel H. Rickard on the 29th of September, 1882. To them was born one child- Clark William Rickard and he married Pearl Rice. To them was born one child, Maureen Margaret Rickard.

#### Melinda John

Melinda John, the third child of Ruben and Sophia (Mettler) John, was born on the 27th of November, 1826, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, and grew to womanhood there.

She married a Mr. Washborn and to them was born one child, namely; Minnie Washborn and she married a Mr. Kipp. To them were born two sons. Both deceased. (I did not learn their names- C.E. John)

Melinda John Washborn married the second time to a Mr. Harder and to that marriage was born one child, namely; Clara Violette Harder. She married a William Patton. He worked at one time for Isaac John in his wagon factory.

To William and Clara V. (Harder) Patton, were born six children, namely; 1. Gertrude, 2. Julia, 3. Ruth, 4. Paul, 5. Harry and 6. Clyde Patton.

Melinda (John) (Washborn) Harder died on the 24th of April, 1914, in the state of Illinois. Age 89.

Clyde Patton, the sixth child of Melinda (John) Patton, passed away on the 15th of February, 1960, at Orlando, Florida and was buried at Winnebago, Illinois.

#### Isaac M. John

Isaac M. John, the fourth child of Ruben and Sophia (Mettler) John, was born on the 12th of October, 1827, near Bear Gap, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. He grew to manhood on his parents' farm and got his schooling there in those parts.

When he was 23 he worked for Uncle Perry John, in his wagon shop as a wheelwright from 1850 to 1853. His shop was on the first floor of his home in

Paxinos in Northumberland County, and he had a wagon shop at Catawissa in Columbia County. He operated wagon-building factories for a great many years.

He married Catherine Vastine, the daughter of John and Sarah Vastine, on the 1st of February, 1853.

To them were born six children, namely; 1. Emma, 2. Lima, 3. Ellen, 4. Charles, 5. Ann and 6. Allen John. (Details of these children on pages 112-113.)

### Going West

In 1853, Isaac M. John, Catherine E. (Vastine), his wife, and all the Vastine family including her parents, John and Sarah Vastine, their sons and daughters, their in-laws and grandchildren, started for the west from their old home near Bear Gap, Northumberland County, in a covered wagon train. This was a long trip over the rough unfinished country roads to Illinois. I believe they were with others in that wagon train.

Isaac first settled near Westfield Corners, south of Winnebago, in the County of Winnebago, Illinois. He later moved into the town of Winnebago where he had a wagon making shop. He was famous as a wagon maker in that part of the country. He had the one end of his shop for the wood work and he hired a blacksmith who had the other end of the shop for the iron work. This building where he had his shop, was originally the first schoolhouse in Winnebago and the bell in the belfrey was used for the fire bell for a great many years.

He built his home next door to his shop on Benton Street. During the Civil War he would help the slaves to escape by hiding them in the shop in the daytime and let them go in the night.

In later years he added machinery to his business and had a big business.

When he first settled near Westfield Corners, not far from Rock River, most of the land was covered with timber but the open places had tall prairie grass. The grass, it is said, was as tall as a horse sometimes.

He was converted on the 13th of December, 1851, in a Quaker Meeting that was being held near Bear Gap. His cousin, Leartis John (Samuel John's second child), was converted at the same time. Isaac John always remained a Quaker.

His first wife, Catherine E. (Vastine) John, was born on the 17th of February, 1832, in Pennsylvania. She was called Home on the 17th of December, 1865. Age 33.

Isaac M. John, married the second time to Mrs. Anna Brown. She had two daughters by her former marriage, namely; Fanny Brown and Caroline Brown. Fanny Brown married James Coil and they had two sons, Floyd and Dorsey Coil. Caroline Brown married Almon Newton and they had a daughter named Viola (Newton) Wynters.

Isaac M. John was called to his Final Reward on the 3rd of February, 1906, from Winnebago, Illinois. Age 79.

# ISAAC M. AND CATHERINE (VASTINE) JOHN'S CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

## 1. Emma John

Emma John, the first child of Isaac M. and Catherine E. Vastine John, was born on the 9th of October, 1853, in Pennsylvania. She married Francis M. Stine, and he was born on the 9th of July, 1851. She died on the 19th of July, 1942. Age 89. Her husband died on the 26th of May, 1921. Age 70.

To them were born three children, namely; 1. Lois Stine, born in 1874, and she died in 1878. Age 4.

2. Mable C. Stine, was born on the 1st of January, 1876. She married Albert Agnew on the 14th of September, 1898. She died on the 27th of January, 1914. Age 38.

To Mable and Albert Agnew, was born one child, namely; Persis R. Agnew. She was born on the 30th of November, 1900. She married Chester R. Brown, on the 25th of November, 1920. Her husband was born on the 5th of November, 1893. To them was born one child, namely, Jacqueline Brown. She was born on the 4th of October, 1921. She married Floyd Geith on the 25th of November, 1943. They had one child named Stephen Geith, who was born on the ninth of December, 1946.

Mable G. (Stine) Agnew married the second time to Lansing O. Squiers on the 26th of February, 1937. There were no children by this marriage.

3. Earl Leroy Stine, the third child of Emma (John) and Francis M. Stine, was born on the 23rd of March, 1883. He married Louise Beecher. To them was born one child, namely; Francis B. Stine, on the 14th of January, 1907. He married Frances Burkett. They had two adopted children.

## 2-3- Lima and Ellen John

Lima John, the 2nd and Ellen John, the 3rd, children of Isaac and Catherine (Vastine) John, died when quite young.

## 4. Charles John

Charles John, the fourth child of Isaac M. and Catherine (Vastine) John, was born in 1862. He died in 1942, in July. I don't know who he married, but he had three children. -C.E. John.

1. Velma John, 2. Charles John, Junior, and 3. Clara John.

Charles John moved out west to Salt Lake City, Utah, early in life. He died in Kansas City, Missouri. He visited with some of his family back east awhile before he died.

## 5. Anna John

Anna John, the fifth child of Isaac and Catherine (Vastine) John, was born in December, 1864. He died about 1950. She married Frank Tritle. To them

were born three children, namely; 1. Hazel Tritle. (she died in babyhood)  
2. Leon Tritle and 3. Mary Ellen Tritle.

Ellen Tritle married Mr. Breased and they had a daughter named Jean Breased and Jean married a Mr. Brusse.

Mrs. Mary Ellen (Tritle) Breased's address in 1957 was 915 Emerald in Madison, Wisconsin. Frank Tritle's address was 9564 Finehurst Avenue in Detroit, Michigan.

## 6. Allen John

Allen John, the sixth child of Isaac M. and Catherine (Vastine) John, was born in 1867. He married Cora Roberts, or Woodworth, and to them was born a daughter named Bertha Jane John. Bertha married James T. Wright. They have a daughter named Ethel Wright and she married Mr. Kimkle. They have a daughter named Karyl Kimkle.

## Ruben and Sophia John's Children and Grandchildren - Continued

### Allen John

Edward Allen John, the fifth child of Ruben and Sophia (Mettler) John, was born on the 23rd of June 1830, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. I believe he moved from Pennsylvania to Illinois at the same time that his parents did in May 1855. I think that they went by horse and covered wagon.

He married a Cleaver girl. To them were born two children, namely;

1. Alis John
2. Wilber John who never married.  
Wilber died in Nahaska County, Iowa and was buried in the Winnebago Cemetery at Winnebago, Illinois.

### Franklin John

Franklin John, the sixth child of Ruben and Sophia (Mettler) John, was born on the 1st of June, 1833, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. He grew to manhood there. He married Harriet John. They first moved to Illinois, then to Nebraska near Creighton, Brunswick and Plainview. Their last known address was Creighton, Nebraska. They had seven children, namely; 1. Alice, 2. Sarah Sophia, 3. Elvin, 4. William Lemmel, 5. Levi Lester, 6. Elida Franklin, and 7. Thomas Wesley.

Alice married a Mr. Murphy. She lived at Blair, Nebraska, about 1897.

Levi Lester John, the fifth child of Franklin John, had a daughter named Marie John, who married a Mr. Prather. Marie Prather lived at one time at Route No. 1. Box 578, Manette, Washington.

Franklin John died on the 6th of August, 1912. Age 79.

"I have tried in vain since 1935, to locate some of Franklin's children or grandchildren. I even went over the parts of the country where they lived and found where their farm was, but could not find any trace of any of them."- C.E. John.

Lucretia E. John

Lucretia E. John, the seventh child of Ruben and Sophia (Mettler) John, was born on the 19th of December, 1836, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. She, with her parents, moved from Pennsylvania to Illinois when she was 19 years old. She stayed at her Aunt Eliza and Sarah John's the last night before they left for Illinois. Her younger sister, Sarah John, was there with her.

Lucretia married Lorenzo T. John. Their record is on page 121. To them were born eight children, namely; 1. Cynthia, 2. Laura V., 3. Mark M., 4. Edna I., 5. Carrie L. 6. Bert W., 7. Milton R. and 8. Clark E. John.

Lucretia E. John passed on to her Heavenly reward on the 18th of June, 1907, in Mitchell, South Dakota. She was 70 years, 5 months and 29 days old.

T. Harvey John

Truman Harvey John, the eighth child of Ruben and Sophia (Mettler) John, was born on the 20th of February, 1839, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. He moved with his parents from Pennsylvania to Illinois in 1855, when he was 16 years old.

He was a brilliant student. His long hours of study caused his death. He died on the 18th of July, 1858. Age 19.

Sarah Jane John

Sarah J. John, the ninth child of Ruben and Sophia (Mettler) John, was born on the 25th of May, 1841, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. She also moved with her parents from Pennsylvania to Illinois in 1855. She was 14 years old.

She married John P. Kester. To them were born three children, namely; Henry Kester, Amy Kester, and Roy Kester.

Sarah (John) Kester died on the 31st of July, 1911. Age 70.

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This is all of the children and grandchildren of Ruben and Sophia John.

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GENERAL HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION MAP  
**FRANKLIN COUNTY**  
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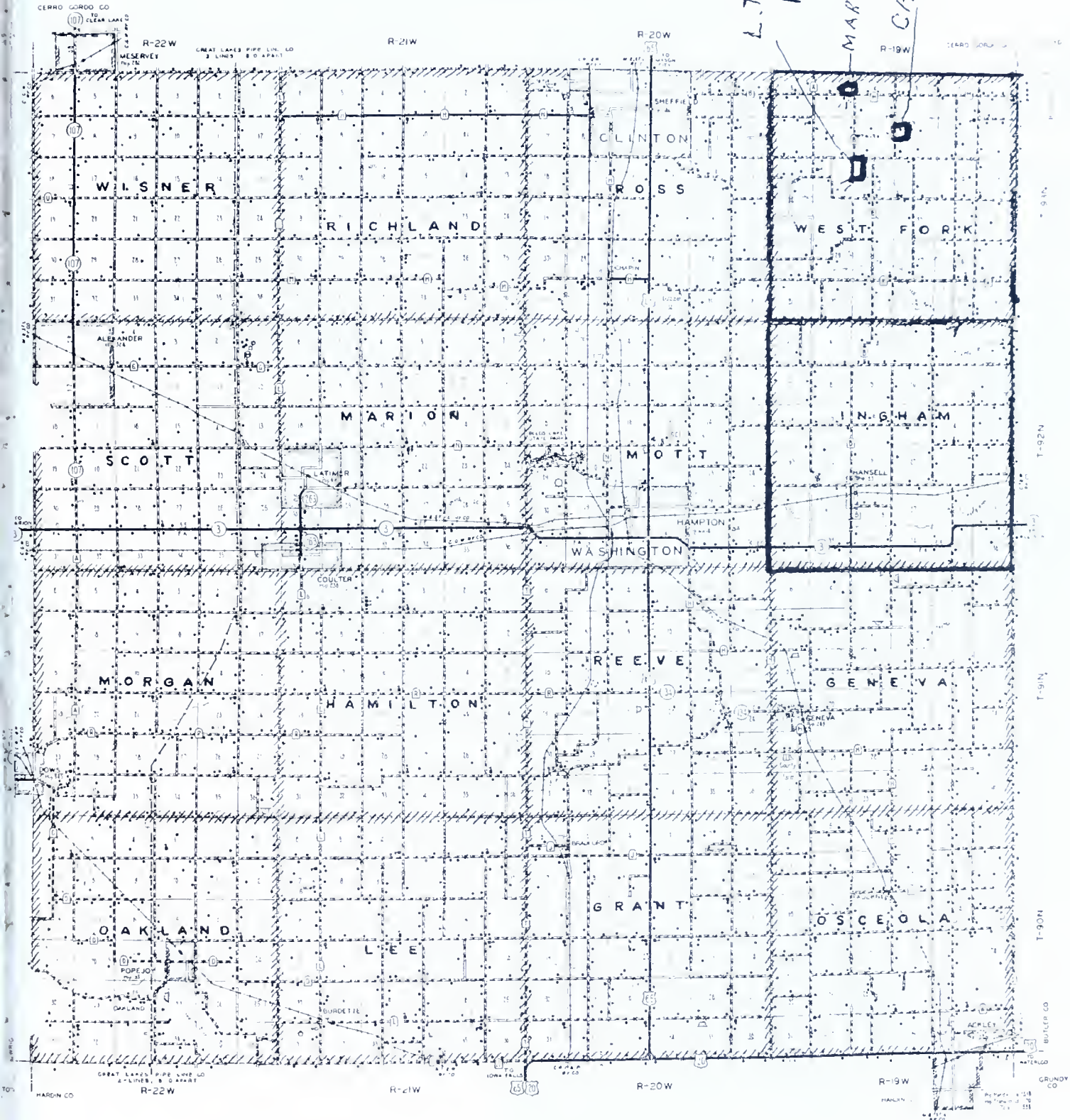


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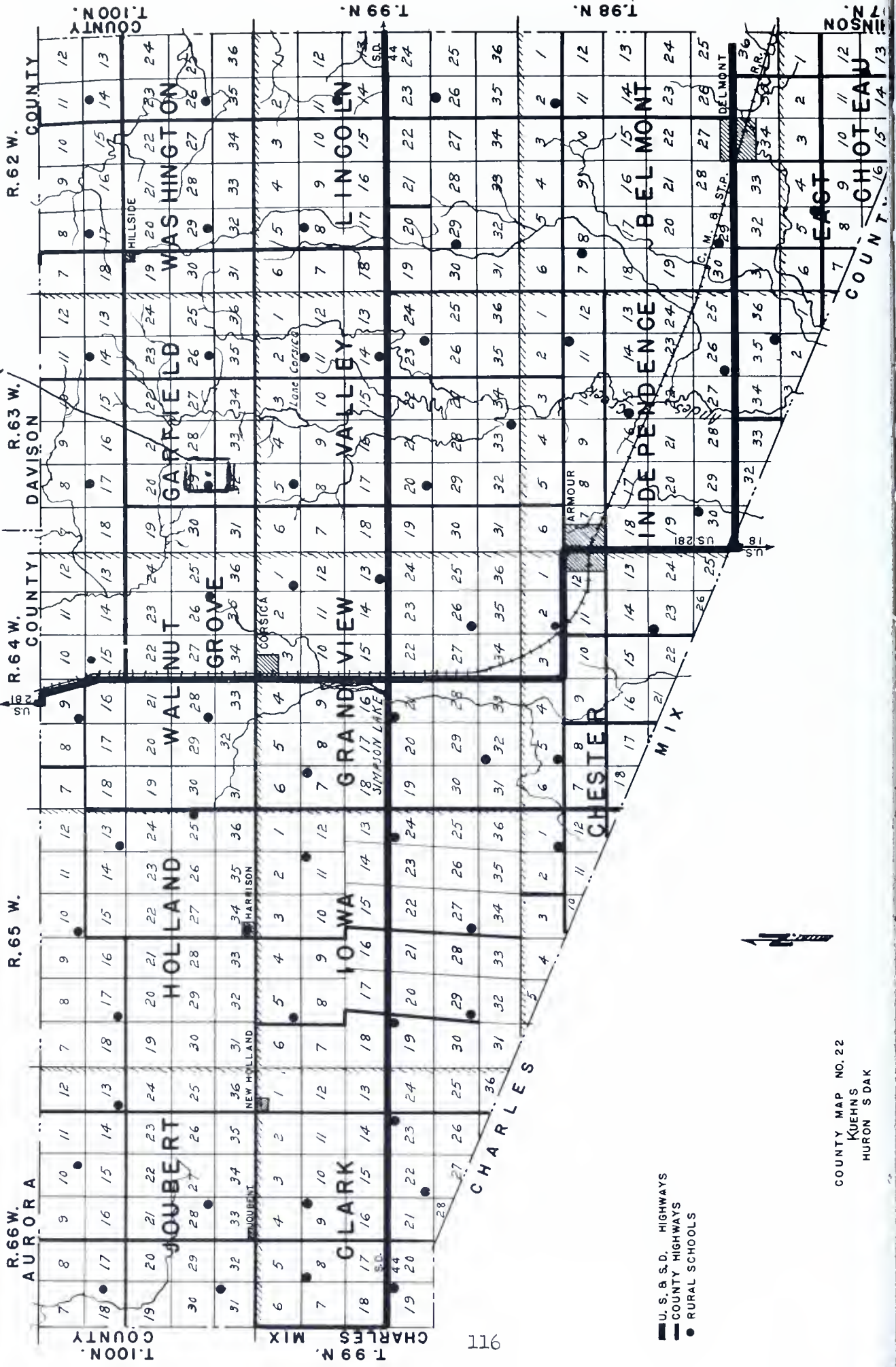
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# DOUGLAS COUNTY HIGHWAY MAP

## SOUTH DAKOTA

— 1960 —



U.S. & S.D. HIGHWAYS  
COUNTY HIGHWAYS  
RURAL SCHOOLS

COUNTY MAP NO. 22  
KUEHNS  
HURON SDAK



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# THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Homestead Certificate No. 6011—  
APPLICATION 7215—

**Whereas** There has been deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States a CERTIFICATE OF THE REGISTER of the LAND OFFICE at Yankton, South Dakota,

approved 20th May, 1882, "To secure Homesteads to Actual Settlers on the Public Domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of Lorenzo J. John has been established and duly consummated, in conformity to law, for the South West quarter of Section twenty-nine in Township one hundred North of Range sixty-three West of the Fifth Principal Meridian in South Dakota containing one hundred and sixty acres

according to the OFFICIAL PLAT of the Survey of the said Land, returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the SURVEYOR GENERAL:

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**Now know ye**, That there is, therefore, granted by the United States unto the said Lorenzo J. John

thereof, unto the said Lorenzo J. John the tract of Land above described: To have and to hold the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances and to his

heirs and assigns forever; subject to any vested and accrued water rights for mining, agricultural, manufacturing, or other purposes, and rights to ditches and reservoirs used in connection with such water rights, as may be recognized and acknowledged by the local customs, laws, and decisions of courts, and also subject to the right of the proprietor of a vein or lode to extract and remove his ore therefrom, should the same be found to penetrate or intersect the premises hereby granted, as provided by law.



In testimony whereof, Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States of America, have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the seal of the GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the thirtieth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety one, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and sixteenth

By the President: Benjamin Harrison  
Wm. Glenn Maynard and Asst. Secretary.  
Wm. Maynard Recorder of the General Land Office.

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# Register of Deeds

Douglas County

ARMOUR, SOUTH DAKOTA

August 20, 1962

ARMOUR, SOUTH DAKOTA

Dear Sir:

After having gone over all my records I find the following:

A patent dated September 30th, 1891 and filed on June 24th, 1892 on the Southeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 100 North, Range 63. He sold a part of this Quarter, 12 rods by 16 rods, to Garfield Township School on June 29, 1887. He bought the Northeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 100 North, Range 63 on the 7th day of March, 1892 from Henry DeGeest. There is nothing left of Grandview at all. The church was moved to Armour and they have church in it right along under the name of Grandview Reformed Church. The state put up a plaque along side of the road as a commemoration to the town of Grandview. It is a very nice plaque and every one around this part of the country is very proud of it. I am very sorry to say I am unable to find you an old county map but I am sending you a new map which must be quite different from what it was in the 1890's. I do hope you will get some good out of what I did find out.

I wish you the best of luck in your efforts.

ROY O. BROWN

Register of Deeds, Armour  
Douglas County, So. Dak.

## Fourth and Fifth Generations

### Jehu John

Jehu John, the eleventh child of Abia and Martha John, was born on the 11th of February, 1810, in Columbia County, Pennsylvania, on his parents farm. This farm was covered with timber when his father Abia John bought and moved on it in 1795, but it was mostly cleared when Jehu was born. This farm was located near Paxonis and not far from where Roaring Creek and Shamokin now are located.

He married a Patience Houseweart on the 2nd of October, 1834. She was the daughter of Solomon Houseweart. They moved to Schuylkill County on the 25th of September, 1846. Then on the 2nd of October, 1849, they started on their long and hard move from Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania to Winnebago County, Illinois, with their six children that they had at that time.

To them were born eight children. (Jehu and Patience (Houseweart) John), namely;

1. Amanda born on the 10th of August, 1835. (Lived three hours)
2. Lorenzo T. John
3. Kimber L.
4. Cephas D.
5. Sarah M.
6. Ann Eliza
7. Edmund J.
8. Verdilia E. John

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### Their Move to Illinois

Jehu and Patience John, and their six children that they had at that time, started from Schuylkill County on their first lap to Philadelphia about 150 miles. They took all their belongings with them. One of their relatives took them in a two horse wagon over rough roads.

Second lap. From there they took the train about 225 miles to Albany, New York.

The third lap from Albany to Buffalo, they went via the Erie Canal on a houseboat pulled by horses on the bank of the canal. This canal is 323 miles long, and the fare was  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cents a mile and the houseboat traveled one-half a mile per hour. It took eight years to dig this canal.

The fourth lap was across the great lakes, through the edge of Canada, across the State of Michigan, into Lake Michigan and into Chicago, where they were met by friends.

Fifth lap was made by horses and wagons. Their friends took them over unimproved roads about one hundred miles to Winnebago County, west and north of Chicago, near where the city of Rockford now stands. There were only ten miles of railroads out of Chicago at that time. The country between Chicago and Winnebago County was open prairie.

Jehu bought a farm that already had a double log house on it. There was no lock on their door, but there was a hole bored in the door and they had a rope through

the hole to raise the wood latch on the inside. They would pull the rope in at night so that no one could get in. This farm was one mile west of Westfield Corners in Winnebago County.

There were some bad storms on the Great Lakes when they were crossing on their journey from Pennsylvania. The boat crew would roll barrels back and forth so the boat would not capsize. This was a real daring trip for Jehu and Patience John to start on such a long trip in the fall of the year with that large family. The oldest was only fourteen years old.

They were happy among the early pioneers in their new place of abode, helping to hew out a farm and living. (I was at the farm in 1958. This was a nice farm and had a big house and barn. The remains of the log house are still there. - C.E. John)

Jehu and Patience John, taking their youngest daughter, Verdilia, made a trip back to Pennsylvania on the 23rd of October, 1856, from Ohio. They took the widow of Griffith John, Rachel (Miller) John - her husband was the grandson of Abia John, senior. They visited Perry and Eliza John and all their other relatives and friends.

Jehu John gave a Bible lecture at the old Friends Meeting House at Bear Gap while there. A lot of their old neighbors attended.

One evening while they were sitting around the fire in Perry's house, Jehu told stories of his western experiences that made them all laugh.

Patience (Houseweart) John made a short visit back to Pennsylvania a few years later when she was a widow.

When they were about to move from Pennsylvania to Illinois, on the 26th of September, 1849, Jehu and his family stayed overnight at his brother's Perry John. They went and got Jehu's father-in-law, Solomon Houseweart, and they all stayed there all night. Next morning they bid good-bye and started on their journey back to Illinois. Griffith John, the son of Perry John, went with them as far as Petersburg (now called Elysburg). Abia John, Asa's son, took their likeness before they departed. Eliza John, said "they all felt so lonely as they might never see each other again."

Jehu John, died on the 23rd of September, 1863. and was buried in the Winnebago Cemetery in Illinois.

Jehu John, is of the fourth generation and his first son Lorenzo T. John, is the fifth generation and his children were the sixth generation of the Johns.

Lorenzo T. John's children were namely;

1. Cynthia A., 2. Laura V., 3. Mark M., 4. Edna I., 5. Carrie L.,
6. Bert W., 7. Milton R. and 8. Clark E. John.

## FIFTH AND SIXTH GENERATIONS

FROM

JEHU AND PATIENCE JOHN

LORENZO T. AND LUCRETIA E. JOHN AND THEIR DESCENDANTS

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The records of Lorenzo T. John's brothers and sisters and their descendants will be found on pages 164 through 181.

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Lorenzo Thornton John, the first child of Jehu and Patience John, was born on Saturday, the 5th of December, 1835, in Shamokin Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. (There was a baby girl Amenda, born before him but she lived only three hours).

His early schooling was in Shamokin and Schuylkill schools. When he was but a boy he worked in the coal mines in that locality. His family moved into Schuylkill County east of Shamokin County for a time, then in 1849, they decided to sell out and move from Pennsylvania to Illinois. This was in the fall of the year and there were no laid out roads. This was a big undertaking for them in those early years to start on such a long trip with their large family. His father had a sale of their property. After the sale, they stayed at Perry John's, his youngest brother's farm house over night. His father Jehu brought Lorenzo's father-in-law Solomon Houseweart, so they were all together that night. The next morning Lorenzo's aunts, Eliza and Sarah John, with others, went with them as far as Petersburg (now called Elysburg) before saying goodbye. They took pictures of each other. The ones left were so lonely as they did not know if they would ever see their faces again.

They went by horse drawn wagon about a hundred miles over the dirt roads to Philadelphia. From there they took the train to Albany, New York. From Albany they had a new experience as they traveled the Erie Canal, a distance of about 200 miles by horse drawn boat. The horses walked along the bank of the canal to Buffalo, New York. Then they went by boat over the Great Lakes and were overtaken by a storm which nearly capsized the boat. The crew moved the cargo from side to side to keep the vessel from capsizing. They then went through the edge of Canada, across the state and over Lake Michigan into Chicago, Illinois, which was a small town at that time. Chicago had only ten miles of railroads.

Friends met them in Chicago and took them to Winnebago County about one hundred miles. I think that there was no Winnebago town at that time. His parents bought a farm close to where the city of Winnebago now stands. On this farm was a double log house. There was no lock on the door. A rope through the door to a wooden latch inside made the lock complete. Pulling the rope at night made a secure door lock. There was a store, post office, and church about a mile from the farm, which was called Westfield Corners.

In July of 1956, the writer (C.E. John) was at this old farm that Jehu John, the father of Lorenzo John, bought when he first moved from Pennsylvania in the year of 1849. This was quite a thrill for me to be able to see and to

stand on the ground of that farm that was so long ago their property.

Lorenzo T. John was married to Lucretia Elmira John, in the city of Beloit, Wisconsin on the 2nd of July, 1856. To this union were born two children while living in Illinois, namely; Cynthia and Laura. Six children were born in Iowa, namely; Mark M., Edna I., Carrie, Bert W., Milton R., and Clark E. John, the last of the Lorenzo T. John family.

The Lorenzo T. Johns were among the first pioneers to settle in Ingham Township, Franklin County, Iowa. They carved out a home near the West Fork of the Cedar River.

The legal description of this farm was; the north-west one fourth of section 16; Township 93; and Range 19.

In 1858, Ingham took in what is now West Fork, then in 1868, it was divided, the north half was named West Fork and the south Ingham. Ingham Township was named after one of the early settlers by the name of George N. Ingham. The first election was held in the home of Simon Selix.

There was a post office opened on Lorenzo T. John's farm, called the Ingham Post Office. The government appointed Lorenzo T. John as Postmaster. This was in 1858, which post he held till 1879, when they opened a post office in the new town of Sheffield about seven miles distant and Ingham post office was closed. Besides Lorenzo T. John being the Postmaster and running the farm, he held several offices.

It was while living on this farm at West Fork that he was converted and soon after his conversion applied for license to preach the Gospel in the United Brethern Church. He was soon granted that privilege to work for his Master and after filling several appointments in Iowa, he moved further west.

Two of his brothers lived with their families in Franklin County. They were, Cephas D. and wife Elizabeth and Edmund J. John and wife Sarah John.

#### Going Farther West

In the year of 1884, after selling their property, he started west with his wife, Lucretia and six of their children. They went by way of the Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad from Iowa to Dakota Territory. He hired a freight car and loaded his stock and belongings and shipped them to Mt. Vernon, Dakota. He hauled his goods twenty miles across prairie dirt roads to the new home in Douglas County. Their oldest daughter and husband, Cynthia and John Scott and baby son Charley, had moved out there previously and had taken up a homestead of 160 acres.

Mr. L. T. John filed on a 160 acre homestead adjoining the Scott farm on the west. He received the government patent or deed from Washington, D.C., on the 13th of September, 1891, signed by President Benjamin Harrison. (This patent has been in the hands of the writer (C.E. John) since the year of 1962.)

The description of this farm was; the southeast quarter, section 29, Township 100, and range 63. On the 7th of March, 1892, he bought a 160 acre farm across the road south of his other farm from Mr. Henry Degees. The description of this farm was; the northeast quarter of section 32, township 100 and range 63. Lorenzo T. John's farm was a mile from Choteau Creek. In the early days before they had a deep well drilled they drove the cattle to this creek for water.

OLD FARM HOUSE  
BOYHOOD HOME  
OF  
LORENZO T. JOHN  
DOUGLAS COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA



The writer (C.E. John) was back to this old farm in 1959. The same well was producing the same amount of nice soft water as it did fifty years before. This well is over three hundred feet deep, two inches at the top and one inch at the bottom.

## A Little of Dakota's History

In 1861, this region included Wyoming, Montana and part of Idaho and Yankton was the capital. When the Johns moved to Dakota it was a separate territory. On the 2nd of November, 1892, it was divided into North and South Dakota, making the thirty-ninth and fortieth states.

This area was an open prairie country when the Scotts and Johns settled in Douglas County. There was a small pioneer town on a hill southwest of the John's farm, called Grand View. It was the County Seat of Douglas County and was the only place where they could get supplies and their mail. After several years the C. M. and St. Paul railroad built a line from the town of Tripp to five miles south of Grand View and built a town called Armour. Most of the stores and homes were moved to the new town. This town later became the County Seat. In 1960, there was nothing left of old Grand View. The state of South Dakota placed a nice stone plaque on the ground in memory of that old Pioneer town.

In South Dakota Lorenzo T. John followed the same line as he did in Iowa, working on his farm through the week days and Sundays he had several preaching appointments.

He was elected Presiding Elder over all the United Brethern Churches in the southern part of South Dakota and Nebraska. This engagement he filled for several years. He was elected twice as delegate to the general conference in the east.

In the fall of 1897, he leased his farm to his son Bert, and he bought a home in Mitchell, South Dakota, which was about 30 miles southeast of his farm. This home was on the corner of Seventh and Rowly Street. He would make the trip to and from the farm quite often by horse and buggy over dirt rocky roads and at times by wagon with loads of grain. He was a slow driver as he walked the horses most of the time.

### Lorenzo T. John

#### Last Sickness.

He continued to preach part time until the fall of 1906, when he began to feel his health giving away. He went to his Dr. Clyde Bobb. The doctor noted his failing health, so called a council with other doctors. They thought best for him to go to the Mayo Brothers Clinic Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota, for further examination. On the 5th of June, 1907, he made the trip. His doctor, Clyde Bobb, accompanied him.

The examination revealed the cause of his illness to be cancer in the lower part of the stomach. The Mayo Clinic doctors advised of his condition, but advised against removing the growth, but if he desired they would perform surgery which might prolong his life for a time. They also stated that there was a possibility that he might not live through the operation. He requested that they perform the surgery which they did. After the operation he gradually weakened and the doctors thought best for him to return to his home in Mitchell, South Dakota.

His oldest daughter Cynthia and son Mark, who had been with him at the hospital, accompanied him home on the train. He continued to grow weaker until at 12 noon on the 29th of June, 1907, he went on to his Heavenly Home.

While all the children gathered around the bed, he said to them: "I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have tried to be a faithful and obedient servant of Jesus Christ. I have made mistakes I know, yet 'He' knows that I tried my best to serve 'Him'".

He was buried by the side of his wife Lucretia, who passed away just eleven days before him. He was buried in Graceland Cemetery, Lot 3, Block 10, in the second division, Mitchell, South Dakota.



### Funeral.

The funeral was held at the First Methodist Church in Mitchell, South Dakota. Rev. H. S. Wilkinson, the pastor, conducted the service and Rev. Eligah Tillotson preached the eulogy. His text was on the 10th to the 20th verse of the sixth chapter of the book of Matthew.

Songs were: Thy Will Be Done -- Shall We Meet Beyond the River --  
Come ye Disconsolate.

Music by the Misses Noble and Green, Mr. Krates and Mr. Morris.

The pallbearers were; S. H. Morgan, Erick Jensen, George Toland, James Arney, William Anderson and William Duncan.

This ended a long and faithful life which was spent first for God, then for his family and country.

Ruben and Sophia John's Daughter

Lucretia Elmira John

Lucretia Elmira John, the seventh child of Ruben and Sophia John, was born on Saturday, the 19th of December, 1836, in Roaring Creek Township, Columbia County, Pennsylvania.

She moved with her parents from Pennsylvania to Illinois in May of 1853, or 1856. Her schooling was in Columbia County. They settled in Ogle County, Illinois.

With all my searching I could not find how her parents moved from Pennsylvania to Illinois. Probably as most of them did in that day by overland in caravans.

There were two children born to them while living in Illinois, namely; Cynthia A. and Laura V. John.

In 1866, they with the two children and effects moved overland by horses and covered wagon from Illinois to Franklin County, Iowa.

She was married to Lorenzo T. John on the 2nd of July, 1857, in the city of Beloit, Wisconsin. She and her husband made their home in northern Illinois.

She worked hand-in-hand with her husband making a home for the family in that frontier country near the West Fork of the Cedar River. She did her part raising their large family of eight children, having little money or other things to do with. She made all their clothes by hand. Also everything to eat was raised by hand.

In 1884, they sold their home in Franklin County, Iowa and moved by train to Dakota territory, which later became the State of South Dakota. There in this new frontier she again went through hardships and toil. She never had the modern things to enjoy that the women of today seemingly cannot get along without. Her's was the hard way.

For a number of years her health was quite poorly, but she did not complain but kept on with the work in the home. The hardships of early pioneer years commenced to tell on her.

When they moved from the home farm to Mitchell, life was easier for her and she had more time to sit and do some resting.

Last sickness-

Her husband Lorenzo, was taken to the Mayo Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota, for a medical examination. He was operated on but the cause was not removed. This mental and nervous strain was too much for her weakened body and she would walk to and from the postoffice to get the latest mail from the hospital regarding his condition in Rochester. The postmaster told her to call at the office and not wait for the delivery.

While returning from the postoffice one morning with the latest news from her husband, on Monday the 17th of June, she was taken very ill. In a little over twenty-four hours on the 18th of June, 1907, God took her to that City not made with hands, where pain, sorrow, toil and sickness never comes. She was ready and waiting for this change for a great many years. She did not have a chance to say goodbye to her husband here on earth, but she was over on the other side to welcome him a few days later.

When her husband was brought home from the hospital, he asked where she was, and was told that she had gone on. He realized that he would soon meet her over there. She was called home just eleven days before he was.

For nearly half a century she had been a member and worker in the United Brethern Church. She was kind and devoted mother and friend to all who knew her. Her life on the frontier and the life as a minister's wife showed a true example of what a Christian should be.

To Lorenzo T. and Lucretia E. John, were born eight children, namely: 1. Cynthia A., 2. Laura V., 3. Mark M., 4. Edna I., 5. Carrie L., 6. Bert W., 7. Milton R., and Clark E. John.

#### Lucretia E. John's Funeral

The funeral was held at the First Methodist Church in Mitchell, South Dakota. Rev. R. D. Harvey had the service. The pastor Rev. E. Wilkinson and Rev. Eligah Tillotson assisted.

The songs were: My Latest Sun is Skinking Fast, Looking this Way, and Asleep in Jesus. The text - 2nd Corinthians 5:1.

The pallbearers were: S. E. Morgan, Erick Jenson, George Toland, James Arney, William Anderson and William Duncan.

She was buried in Graceland Memorial Cemetery, Lot No. 3, Block No. 11, in the second division, Mitchell, South Dakota. Age 70 years, 5 months, and 24 days.

#### CHILDREN OF LORENZO T. AND LUCRETIA E. JOHN

##### Cynthia Arielia John

Cynthia A. John, the first child of Lorenzo T. and Lucretia E. John, was born on Sunday, the 3rd of February, 1860, in Byron Township, Ogle County, Illinois.

She moved with her parents from Illinois to Franklin County, Iowa, when she was but six years old. They went in a covered wagon and this wagon was made by her uncle Isaac John, who was a wagon maker. She grew to womanhood helping on the farm and walking a long way to her school in those long cold winters. At the age of twenty, she married a young man that lived not far from their home, by the name of John W. Scott. This took place on the 16th of June, 1880, on her parents' farm in Franklin County, Iowa. Rev. M. M. Taylor pastor of the United Brethern Church officiating.

They moved from Iowa to a new country, Dakota, where they took up a Government homestead in the north part of Douglas county near Choteau Creek.

To them was born one child, namely; Charles B. Scott.

Cynthia A. John married the second time to C.A. Christlieb on the 15th of July, 1897, in Mason City, Iowa, where her home was at this time. Her husband, C. A. Christlieb, died on the 2nd of June, 1909, in Mason City, and was buried there.

Cynthia John married the third time to Edward Eells on the 14th of November, 1911, at Racine, Wisconsin, by a minister there at that place. They moved to northern Minnesota where they bought some farm land and lived there till the 12th of May, 1940, when the call came at four in the morning, for her to leave this life forever and go to the Eternal.

She was buried in the Poplar Grove Cemetery, Maylon Township, Marshall County, Minnesota. Rev. E. L. Tongseth, pastor of the Free Lutheran Church had the service. Her age 80 years, 3 months and 9 days.

#### Charles Bernet Scott

Charles B. Scott, the only child of Cynthia A. Scott and John W. Scott, was born on the 25th of April, 1881, in Franklin County, Iowa.

When he was but a small child, he moved with his parents from Iowa to Dakota, Douglas County, where he lived for a number of years. In the meantime his mother had moved to Iowa, living in Mason City, and in 1895, Charles went with his Uncle Bert W. John, and Frank Schribner in a covered wagon drawn by horses to Iowa, where he finished his schooling. He worked around Mason City at various jobs.

On the first of March, 1905, he married Frances Maude La Vanway at Hanlontown, Cerro Gorda County, Iowa. In later years they moved to Wisconsin to a farm and from there they moved to the state of Washington.

Frances M. (LaVanway) Scott, the daughter of Frank and Sarah Jane LaVanway, was born on the 14th of August, 1883, in Moody County, South Dakota.

To them were born four boys, namely; 1. Lewis, C. 2. Francis B., 3. Ray J. and 4. Mertin JC Scott.

Charles B. Scott was called from this life from the Harbor View Hospital in Seattle, Washington on the 23rd of December, 1955. He and his wife celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on the 1st of March, of that year.

His age was 74 years, 7 months, and 28 days. He was ready for this Heavenly call. He was buried in the Washington Memorial Cemetery, 16445 Pacific Highway, South, near Seattle, Washington.

#### EIGHTH GENERATION

From Charles B. and Frances M. Scott

#### Lewis Clark Scott

Lewis C. Scott, the first child of Charles E. and Frances M. Scott, was born on the 9th of February, 1906, at Fertile, Cerro Gorda County, Iowa. He married Helen Zanise (Glass) Gleason on the 14th of February, 1937. He was married the second time to Viola Mae Zimmer on the 14th of May, 1949, at Enumclaw, Washington, at the Presbyterian Church.

To Lewis C. and Helen (Gleason) Scott was born one child, namely: Phillis Ann Scott, born on the 15th of March, 1941, at the Wilmett Private Hospital, River Falls, Wisconsin.

#### Francis Burnet Scott

Francis B. Scott, the second child of Charles E. and Frances M. Scott, was born on the 6th of September, 1908, in Mason City, Iowa. He never married. His career was in the United States Army all over the world.

#### Ray John Scott

Ray J. Scott, the third child of Charles E. and Frances M. Scott, was born on the 9th of March, 1918, in Mason City, Iowa. He married Deliah Jane Harris from Spokane, Washington, on the 11th of March, 1944, in Fairbanks, Alaska.

To them were born three children, namely:

1. Judy E. Scott, born on the 7th of August, 1947, in the Saint Joseph Hospital, Tacoma, Washington.
2. Ray J. Scott, born on the 3rd of October, 1950, in the Saint Joseph Hospital, Tacoma, Washington.
3. Debra Lynn Scott, born on the 31st of January, 1955, in the Saint Joseph Hospital, Tacoma, Washington.

#### Merton JC Scott

Merton JC John, the fourth child of Charles E. and Frances M. Scott, was born on the 5th of February, 1925, in Gilman, Wisconsin. He married Tume Sekiguck on the 3rd of December, 1953, at the United States Army American Consul's Office in Japan. He was in the United States Army in Japan at that time.

#### Laura Vianna John

Laura V. John, the second child of Lorenzo T. and Lucretia E. John, was born on Saturday, the 19th of September, 1865, in Byron Township, Ogle County, Illinois.

She with her parents moved from Illinois in 1866, to Franklin County, Iowa, in a covered wagon drawn with horses. Her schooling was in a small country school-house not far from their farm. She grew to womanhood on this farm.

In 1884, her parents moved from Iowa still farther west to Dakota Territory, where they took up a Government homestead of 320 acres of prairie land and made it into a farm home. The location was in Garfield Township, Douglas County, just south of Choteau Creek. She made this her home till her marriage.

She married Ransom D. Harvey, son of Rev. D. M. Harvey, on the 24th of November.

1892. She was married by her brother-in-law Rev. T. H. Hendricks, at her parents' farm home in Douglas County, South Dakota.

To them was born one child, namely; Ada Ethel Harvey. They also had two adopted children: Victor and Nina G. Harvey.

Her parents sold their farm in South Dakota in 1910, and moved to Flathead County, Montana, where they bought a farm six miles north-west of Kalispell. They spent the rest of their lives on this farm. They were members of a church in town.

#### Their Deaths

Laura V (John) Harvey was called to her Heavenly Home from this home in the early hours of the morning of the 3rd of June, 1936. She was stricken with paralysis in August, 1928, and was an invalid until her death. She was buried on the 7th of June, 1936, in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery east of Kalispell, Lot No. 2213, section H. Her age was 72 years, 8 months, and 14 days.

The services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Sandy and Rev. H.C. Stark in Wagnor and Campbell Chapel. Mrs. Elisenson sang and Miss Muriel at the Organ. the pallbearers were James Bogart, Clint O'Neal, Milton Stiles, Oscar Gustafson and Howard Knapp.

Ransom D. Harvey, husband of Laura V. (John) Harvey, died on the 29th of May, 1939, at Kalispell, Montana.

He was also buried in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery at Kalispell. Age 79 years, 8 months, and 12 days.

#### SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GENERATION

Branch from Laura V. and Ransom D. Harvey

##### Ada Ethel Harvey

Ada E. Harvey, the only child of Laura V. and Ransom D. Harvey, was born on the 18th of October, 1895, on her parents farm in South Dakota.

In 1910, she with her parents moved from South Dakota to Flathead County, Montana.

On the 2nd of April, 1913, she married Grover Ruesegger. Rev. Bates performed the wedding ceremony. To them were born four children, namely; 1. Clara, 2. Vale, 3. Lloyd, and 4. Arlis

Ada E. (Harvey) Ruegsegger died on the 25th of May, 1928, in a hospital in Kalispell, Montana. She was buried in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. She was a member of the Christian Church in Kalispell. Her age 32 years, 7 months, and 7 days.

Grover Ruegsegger, husband of Ada E. (Harvey) Ruegsegger, died on the (date not known). He also was buried in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery where his wife was buried.

## EIGHTH GENERATION

From Ada E. and Grover Ruegsegger

### Clara E. Ruegsegger

Clara Ruegsegger, the first child of Ada E. and Grover Ruegsegger, was born on the 8th of January, 1914, on her parents farm in Flathead County, Montana. She married Orlyn Elwood on the 16th of July, 1934, in the town of Polson, Montana. To them were born four children, namely; 1. Oral K., 2. Margene, 3. Jerry, and 4. Linda Kay.

1. Oral Kenneth Elwood, born on the 27th of April, 1937. He died on the 15th of October, 1952, in Kalispell, Montana.
2. Margene Elwood, born in March, 1939, in Kalispell.
3. Jerry Elwood, born in December, 1940, in Kalispell.
4. Linda Kay, born on the 5th of March, 1945, in Kalispell.

### Vale Ruegsegger

Vale Ruegsegger, the second child of Ada E. and Grover Ruegsegger, was born on the 2nd of September, 1915, in Flathead County, Montana. He married Mildred Burlen on the 3rd of September, 1940, in Great Falls, Montana. ( I have the account of but one child), namely; James Ray Ruegsegger, born on the 10th of November, 1943.

### Lloyd Ruegsegger

Lloyd R. Ruegsegger, the third child of Ada E. and Grover Ruegsegger, was born on the 11th of November, 1918, in Flathead County, Montana.

He married Bette Gordan on the 13th of June, 1943, in Montana. I have the account of one child, namely; Allen E. Ruegsegger, born on the 30th of October, 1943.

### Arlis Ruegsegger

Arlis Ruegsegger, the fourth child of Ada E. and Grover Ruegsegger, was born on the 27th of June, 1923, in Flathead County, Montana.

She was killed by an auto as she got out of her parents' car in front of her grandparents home. This was on the 17th of November, 1928. A car came by and ran over her. She was buried in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery, Kalispell, Montana.

Her age was 5 years, 4 months and 20 days.

Laura V. Harvey and Ransom D. Harvey's Adopted Children

### Victor Harvey

Victor Harvey, was born on the 15th of March, 1893, in Mitchell South Dakota. He went through the first World War in Europe. He was gased quite badly in the war. He married Arduis Fisher in the year of 1931 or 1932. Arduis Fisher was born on the 23rd of October, 1906, in Mitchell, South Dakota.

To their marriage were born three daughters, namely; 1. Gladys Jean, 2. Julia Mae, and Florence.

1. Gladys Jean Harvey, was born in 1933. She married Roger Bird on the 17th of August, 1957.
2. Julia Mae Harvey, was born in 1934. She married Joseph Utech on the 20th of June, 1952.
3. Florence Harvey was born in 1939.

### Nina Gladys Harvey

Nina G. Harvey, was born on the 1st of January, 1903. She married Rupert Lemicke on the 6th of September, 1922, at her parents' farm home in Flathead County, Montana. To them was born one child, namely; Betty Ruth Lemicke.

1. Betty Ruth Lemicke was born on the 28th of June, 1923, in General Hospital, Shelby, Montana. She married William M. Marmont on the 3rd of October, 1944. To them were born three children, namely; 1. Nancy Ruth, 2. Wendy Lee, and Marsha Ann.
  1. Nancy Ruth Marmont, born on the 20th of January, 1945.
  2. Wendy Lee Marmont, born on the 7th of July, 1949.
  3. Marsha Ann Marmont, born on the 11th of March, 1956.

### Mark Monroe John

Mark Monroe John, the third child of Lorenzo T. and Lucretia E. John, was born on Sunday, the 10th of December, 1865, in a stone house of the neighbors about two miles north of his parents farm. Their log house on their farm was not finished yet.

West Fork and Ingham was all one township at that time and was called Ingham Township, and this was in Franklin County, Iowa. When he was a young man, he moved with his parents to Pence Grove in Cerro Gordo County, where his father was the pastor of a circuit in the United Brethern Church.

Mark and his two sisters, Laura and Cynthia, went back to the farm in Franklin County and ran the farm there. Then in 1884, he moved with his parents to Dakota, where they took up a 320 acre Government Homestead of prairie land. He worked on the farm till he was 21. He then went to Idaho and worked in the mines one summer coming home in the fall. Next summer he worked on the farm until in the fall of 1887, he with two of his sisters, Laura and Edna, drove to Iowa in a covered wagon and horses.

On the 27th of September, 1888, he married Rachel A. Pence at Pence Grove, in

Cerro Gordo County, Iowa, by Rev. Mitchell pastor of the United Brethern Church. They first lived in Mason City. He worked as a builder and on the railroad in 1889. They moved to Chicago, Illinois. Mark and his brother Ross worked at carpenter work elevating the Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad. He worked in this for three years. They moved back to Mason City, Iowa, where he built houses to sell.

In 1903, he took up a Government Homestead claim of 160 acres in Hide County, South Dakota, working at carpenter work while holding down the claim. After proving up on this land, they moved back to Mason City, Iowa, then in the fall of 1905, they went to Long Beach, California for the winter. Then in 1910, they moved to Long Beach to make their home there. He worked at carpenter work for awhile then went into the apartment house business until in 1940 and 1941, he sold out and retired.

He bought an own your own apartment at 360 West Ocean Avenue, Long Beach, and this was his home until 1960, when God called him home to his Heavenly Home. In 1952, he and his wife Rachel, his brother Clark and wife Johnanna, and their daughter Elva, were on their way to Yosemite National Park. This was on the 22nd of July. While going down a long grade, the brakes quit working. The grade was steep and winding on the mountain side. The car turned over on its top and the occupants were injured. Mark had both of his hips broken and had to lie on his back in traction for approximately two months in the Mariposa Hospital. Then he was put into a cast and brought home to Long Beach in an ambulance and then stayed in the cast for another month.

His wife, Rachel, passed away while in the hospital there in Mariposa, California. Myrtle, their daughter, who had come up to help look after her parents, stayed with her father as he was not able to attend the funeral. Myrtle thought best to stay with her father instead of attending the funeral. The funeral was held in Long Beach, California.

Mark and Rachel had their sixty-fourth wedding anniversary while they both were in the hospital, eighteen days before she passed away. He outlived her about eight years.

God called him Home from the Harbor General Hospital near Torrance, California, at 2 P.M., on Monday, the 1st of February, 1960. He was taken to the hospital on Saturday evening and the next Monday he just went to sleep to this world without moving.

His daughter, Myrtle (John) Anderson, his brother Clark, and two doctors were at his bed when the end came. He had lived a long and useful life and was a true Christian. He had been a member of the First Methodist Church in Long Beach, California, for about fifty years. Rev. W. L. Collins of the First Methodist Church had the funeral. Rev. Collins had Rachel, his wife, funeral too. The funeral was held at Mottels and Peeks Funeral Parlors. Mrs. Carolyn Niefeldt sang: Beyond the Sunset and In the Garden. Gene Dtiskill at the Organ. His grandson, Rev. Dudley B. Anderson, offered prayer. Four of his grandsons, Lowell, Lee Bruce, and Mark Anderson and two of his brothers Clark son's Percy and Joyce John, were the pallbearers. They were the same ones at his wife's funeral. He was buried in Sunnyside Memorial Park, Long Beach, California, beside his wife. His age 94, 1 month, 20 days.

Rachel A. (Pence) John, Wife of Mark M. John

Rachel A. John, wife of Mark M. John, and daughter of John and Louisiana Pence, was born on the 16th of April, 1869, at Pence Grove, Cerro Gordo County, Iowa. She married Mark M. John on the 27th of September, 1888, at Pence Grove. To them were born two children, namely; 1. Harry Dudley John and 2. Myrtle G. John.

Rachel A. (Pence) John, wife of Mark M. John, passed to her Heavenly Home from the Fremont Hospital at Mariposa, California, on the 9th of October, 1952. Her husband and daughter was there with her when the call came. Her husband was still a patient there and their daughter Myrtle, was with them to give them aid. Her funeral was held at Mottell and Peek in Long Beach, California. Rev. W. L. Collins had the service and Rolla Alford sang. Rachel John was buried in the Sunnyside Memorial Park Cemetery in Long Beach, California. In her early days she was a member of the United Brethern Church. After coming to Long Beach, California, she united with the First Methodist Church of Long Beach. Her age 83 years, 6 months, and 6 days.

Mark M. and Rachel A. John's Children and Grandchildren

Harry Dudley John

1. Harry Dudley John, the first child of Mark M. and Rachel A. (Pence) John, was born on the 20th of November, 1890, at Pence Grove, Iowa. He died on the 16th of May, 1891. Age 5 months, 26 days. He was buried at Pence Grove, Iowa.

Myrtle Grace John

2. Myrtle G. John, the second child of Mark M. and Rachel A. (Pence) John, was born on the 19th of April, 1893, in Mason City, Iowa. She went with her parents to Chicago in 1898, and to South Dakota in 1905, then to Long Beach, California, in 1910.

In 1914, she married Ernest A. Anderson at Bakersfield, California. Her husband worked in the oil fields there. Then on a farm at Elimont he worked. They had a chicken ranch and then moved to Long Beach, California, where her husband worked in the ship-yards during the war. After the war he went to building houses for contract. Finally, he went into the freight trucking business from Long Beach to San Francisco, California.

Ernest A. Anderson, husband of Myrtle G. (John) Anderson, and son of August A. and Mame Anderson, was born on the 28th of August, 1895, in Hall, Washington. He was called to his Heavenly Home on the 16th of October, 1936, near Salinas, California, when a car ran into his big truck. He and two others were burned to death. He was buried in the Westminster Cemetery in the County of Orange, California.

FROM MYRTLE AND ERNEST ANDERSON

EIGHTH GENERATION

Lowell Arthur Anderson

1. Lowell A. Anderson, the first child of Myrtle G. (John) and Ernest A. Anderson, was born on the 31st of March, 1916, in Modesta, California

He grew to manhood in Long Beach, California. He finished his schooling in Long Beach, and he helped his father at carpenter work and trucking.

He married Frances Berny in San Diego, California on the 27th of March, 1936. They built a home at 3211 Baltic Avenue, Long Beach. He lived at that place till in 1962, they built a home near Willow and Long Beach Boulevard. To them were born two children, namely;

1. Meridel Frances Anderson, born on the 16th of February, 1937, in Long Beach. She married Gen Daniels at her parents home in Long Beach.

To them were born three children, namely;

1. Byran, 2. Vicki, and 3. Douglas Daniels
2. Martin Alan Anderson, born on the 21st of February, 1941.

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Lee Clinton Anderson

2. Lee C. Anderson, the second of Myrtle G. (John) and Ernest A. Anderson, was born on the 23rd of October, 1917, in Long Beach, California.

He grew to manhood in Long Beach. After finishing his education he worked with his father at carpenter work. He was a cook on a merchant ship during World War II. He married Ruth Oliver at the First Nazarene Church on East 10th Street, Long Beach, on the 26th of May, 1939, by Rev. Williams, the pastor. To them were born two children, namely;

1. Janie Anderson
2. Jerie Ann Anderson

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Dudley Byron Anderson

3. Dudley B. Anderson, the third child of Myrtle G. and Ernest A. Anderson, was born on the 21st of September, 1921, in Long Beach, California. He grew to manhood there and finished his schooling in Long Beach. Then he studied for the ministry in Pasadena, California and received his license to preach the Gospel.

He married Lois Wilson at 3:30 p. m. in the Nazarene Church, 10th and Olive on Sunday, the 13th of July, 1944.

To them were born two children, namely;

1. Stephen M. Anderson, born on November 8, 1947.
2. Rebecca Anderson, born on September 7, 1953.

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4. Mark M. Anderson, the fourth child of Myrtle G. (John) and Ernest Anderson, was born on the 16th of June, 1923, in Long Beach, California. He had his schooling in Long Beach. His work has been mostly in aircraft.

He married Frances Granberry in New Orleans, Louisiana, in September, 1945. To them was born one child, namely;

1. Judith Anderson, born on the 1st of April, 1947.

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Bruce Alan Anderson

5. Bruce Alan Anderson, the fifth child of Myrtle G. (John) Anderson, was born on the 9th of March, 1925, in Long Beach, California. He grew to manhood in Long Beach and his schooling was in Long Beach. He married Barbara Gates on the 16th of September, 1948, in Pasadena, California. To them were born two children, namely;

1. Gerold Anderson
2. Charil Anderson, born on the 26th of December, 1952.

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FOURTH BRANCH OF SIXTH GENERATION  
FROM LORENZO T. AND LUCRETIA JOHN

Edna Irene John

Edna I. John, the fourth child of Lorenzo T. and Lucretia E. John, was born on the 19th of October, 1868, in West Fork Township, Franklin County, Iowa. She was born on Monday. She moved with her parents from Iowa to Dakota Territory when she was 16 years old. She lived on the farm most of the time. She worked out some in hotels in Armour and other places.

She was married to Rev. T. H. Hendricks, on the 3rd of September, 1890, by Rev. C. A. Clark, at her parents' farmhouse ten miles north of Armour, near the Choteau Creek, Douglas County, South Dakota.

To them were born three children, namely; 1. Vera E., 2. Erma M. and 3. Paul Lyle Hendricks. They are the seventh generation.

Her husband, Rev. T. H. Hendricks passed away to his reward on the 13th of May, 1923, in New Ulm, Minnesota, and was buried there. He had two children from a former marriage, namely; 1. Edna and 2. Grace Hendricks.

Edna Irene (John) Hendricks, the widow of Rev. T. H. Hendricks, was married for the second time to Charles Herbert Reed on the 14th of January, 1932, by Rev. Books, a pastor there in Yuma, Arizona.

Charles H. Reed died on the morning of the 21st of February, 1940, at the Seaside Hospital, Long Beach, California. He was buried in the Sunnyside Mausoleum, near Long Beach, California. He was a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church.

Edna I. Reed died on the 13th of August, 1941, at 8:45 p.m. in the Los Alamitos Rest Home a few miles east of Long Beach. Her step-daughter, Edna Hendricks and Bertha Milned, took the body back to New Ulm, Minnesota, for burial where her first husband was buried. The burial took place at City Cemetery, New Ulm, Lot 582 out of 94. The Rev. of the Methodist Church officiated at the funeral.

Her age was 72 years, 9 months and 24 days. She was a Christian about all her life.

Rev. T. H. Hendricks' Children  
by a Former Marriage.

Edna M. Hendricks

1. Edna M. Hendricks, the first child of Rev. T. H. Hendricks, was born on the 19th of May.
2. Grace E. Hendricks, second child of Rev. T. H. Hendricks, born on the 10th of September.

She married Arthur Scribner in 1908. To them were born five children, namely; 1. Pearl, 2. Alfred, 3. Loris, 4. Dorothy, and 5. Verna Scribner

Children and Grandchildren of Edna I. (John) and T. H. Hendricks.

Vera Elmira Hendricks

1. Vera E. Hendricks, the first child of Edna I. (John) and T. H. Hendricks, was born on the 23rd of April, 1892, in the Methodist Episcopal Parsonage in Alpena, South Dakota, where her father was the pastor of the church.

She moved with her parents to Iowa, where her father had several church appointments as pastor. They later went back to South Dakota and in 1908, they all moved to Kalispell, Flathead Valley, Montana.

Her folks raised a large garden and he had several preaching appointments near Kalispell.

It was in Kalispell where Vera met her husband to be, H. Lloyd Jordan, the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Jordan. They were married on

the 11th of August, 1911, by Rev. F. A. Armstrong, the pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. The wedding took place at her parents' home in Orchard Park Addition, Kalispell.

To Vera E. (Hendricks) and Lloyd H. Jordan were born two children, namely; 1. Frances and 2. John H. Jordan.

#### Harvey Lloyd Jordan

H. Lloyd Jordan, the husband of Vera E. (Hendricks) Jordan, was born on the 10th of February, 1890, on his parents' farm east of Armour, South Dakota. They moved to Kalispell, Montana.

He was employed in an ice-cream factory parlor. After this employment he started to clerk in the J. C. Penny Store in Kalispell. After working there awhile, he was assistant manager under Mr. Edwards in a new store at Hibbing, Minnesota. Later he opened a J. C. Penny Store at New Ulm, Minnesota. He was with the J.C. Penny Company for 34 years; 26 of which he was a manager.

Harvey Lloyd Jordan was called to his Heavenly Home from Santa Rosa, California, on the 10th of November, 1948. He was interred in the cemetery at New Ulm, Minnesota, where his daughter Frances was buried. She had preceeded her father in death by nineteen years. His age was 58 years and 9 months.

#### Vera E. and H. Lloyd Jordan's Children and Grandchildren

##### Frances L. Jordan

1. Frances L. Jordan, the first child of Vera E. (Hendricks) and H. Lloyd Jordan, was born on the 28th of September, 1913, in Kalispell, Monatana. She was called Home from New Ulm, Minnesota on the 6th of March, 1929, and was buried in the cemetery at New Ulm. Her age 15 years, 6 months, and 8 days.

##### John H. Jordan

2. John H. Jordan, the second child of Vera E. (Hendricks) and H. Lloyd Jordan, was born on the 10th of December, 1929, in Hibbing, Minnesota.

After he had finished his public schooling, he took courses through several colleges and medical school. After graduation he took his internship in one of the hospitals in San Francisco, California. He started his practice in Santa Rosa, California, where he is one of the leading doctors.

He married Katherine Shults of Plymouth, Michigan, on the 11th of August, 1941, by Dr. Fredrick A. Landrum. Their wedding was on the 29th, the anniversary of the groom's parents.

To Dr. John H. and Katherine (Shults) Jordan were born four children, namely;

1. Beatrice Ann Jordan, born on the 14th of August, 1944, in San Francisco, California.
2. James L. Jordan, born on the 18th of May, 1948, in San Francisco, California
3. Vera H. Jordan, born on the 17th of February, 1950, in Santa Rosa, California
4. Robert L. Jordan, born on the 3rd of January, 1952, in Santa Rosa, California.

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#### Erma May Hendricks

2. Erma May Hendricks, the second child of Edna I. (John) and Rev. T. H. Hendricks, was born on the 31st of July, 1895, at the Methodist Episcopal Church Parsonage in Basset, Iowa, where her father was the pastor.

She died on the 5th of September, 1896, at Parris, Iowa, while her father was the pastor there. She was buried in Mason City, Iowa. Her age 1 year, 1 month and 4 days.

#### A Poem by Her Father Rev. T. H. Hendricks

Erma thou was bright and fair  
In thy transient stay below,  
Bright blue eyes and golden hair  
Filled our home with sweetest glow.

In thy home beyond the blue,  
With the bright, angelic host,  
Thou art waiting sweet and true,  
For the friends who loved thee most.

Sad the parting yesterday,  
Tears flowed fast and hearts were torn,  
But on the bright, golden day,  
God will give a glorious morn.

Now we're waiting, Erma, dear  
For the time that soon will come,  
With the summons to appear  
'Mid the blest in Father's Home.

Heavenly ties are growing strong,  
For the years will soon be past,  
And the time will not be long,  
Darling, we shall meet at last.

Meet where parting shall be o're.  
In the Mansions of the King.  
Weeping past forever more,  
But with angels then to sing.

3. Paul Lyle Hendricks, the third child of Edna I. (John) and Rev. T. H. Hendricks, was born on the 26th of March, 1895, at Parris, Iowa, where his father was the Methodist Episcopal pastor.

He moved with his parents to South Dakota, then from there to Kalispell, Montana. After several years they moved to Hibbing, Minnesota, where he had charge of the electric work in the iron mines. This position he had for a great many years.

He married and had one child, namely; 1. Terry John Hendricks, who was born on the 20th of May, 1936, in Hibbing, Minnesota.

FIFTH BRANCH OF SIXTH GENERATION  
FROM LORENZO T. AND LUCRETIA E. JOHN

Carrie Lorena John

Carrie L. John, the fifth child of Lorenzo T. and Lucretia E. John, was born on the 22nd of February, 1871, on her parents' farm in West Fork Township, Franklin County, Iowa. She was born on Wednesday.

She took sick and after everything was done that could be done, God called her to her Heavenly Home, on the 27th of April, 1883, from the United Brethern Parsonage at Pence Grove, Cerro Gordo County, Iowa. She was buried in the West Fork Cemetery, Lot 96, South Block 8x16--191 West, Franklin County, Iowa.

SIXTH BRANCH OF SIXTH GENERATION  
FROM LORENZO T. AND LUCRETIA E. JOHN

Bert W. John

Bert W. John, the sixth child of Lorenzo T. and Lucretia E. John, was born on the 9th of February, 1874. He was born on Wednesday. He was born in West Fork Township, Franklin County, Iowa.

When he was ten years old, his parents moved from Iowa to Dakota, where they took up a homestead of 320 acres of prairie land in Garfield Township, Douglas County, one mile south of Choteau Creek. He went to the school that was on his parents' farm, and it was one of the teachers that taught there who became his wife. He grew to manhood on this farm.

After he became twenty-one in the fall of 1895, he with a friend (Frank Scribner) and his sister's son Charley B. Scott, drove back to Iowa with a two horse covered wagon. He spent the summer working around Mason City. The next fall he went to Battle Creek in the southern part of Iowa. Here he met his former school teacher, Fannie E. Jordan, and they were married on the 3rd of December, 1896, by Rev. Hoan.

They then went back to South Dakota and he leased his parents' farm in Douglas County, which he farmed several years. He took up a Government Homestead of 160 acres in Hide County. After proving up on this land they moved to Aurora County and rented a nice farm there from John Brown. In 1908, or 1909, they moved to Flathead County, Montana, where he bought a farm of 160 acres on the east side of the valley. He made this his home and in Columbia Falls until in 1923.

In 1923, Bert John and family left Montana and stopped to visit relatives in Eugene, Oregon. About two weeks later, Clark John and family left Montana and stopped in Eugene, Oregon, where Bert John and his family took their car and drove to California with Clark's family. Bert John and family decided to return to Eugene, Oregon, within a few years and settled on a farm near Eugene, Oregon, where he spent the rest of his life.

To them were born four children, namely; 1. Oscar C. John, 2. Roy M. John, 3. and 4. (Twins) Floyd M. and Cora John.

Fannie E. (Jordan) John, the wife of Bert W. John, and daughter of Gilbert and Mrs. Jordan, was called to her final resting place at 10:15 p.m. on the 19th of March, 1942, from their home in Creswell, Oregon. She was buried in the Rest Heaven Memorial Park Cemetery at Eugene, Oregon.

Bert W. John, was called to his eternal reward from the hospital in Eugene, Oregon, on Monday, the 28th of November, 1960. At his bedside was his daughter, Cora L. (John) Mourer. The funeral was held at Schwering and England Chapel at Creswell, Oregon. Internment was in the Rest Heaven Memorial Park in Eugene, Oregon, by the side of his wife Fannie (Jordan) John who preceeded him in death by about 19 years.

All of his family were still living and were at the funeral. He had five grandchildren. He was 86 years, 9 months and 19 days.

#### Seventh Generation from Bert W. and Fannie E. John

##### Oscar Clyde John

1. Oscar C. John, the first child of Bert W. and Fannie E. (Jordan) was born on the 10th of October, 1897, on his grandfather's farm in Garfield Township, Douglas County, South Dakota.

When he was a boy he moved with his parents to Flathead County, Montana. In later years he moved with his parents from Montana to near Eugene, Oregon.

On the 22nd of June, 1940, he married Hazel Johnson at Fall Creek, Oregon. Hazel (Johnson) John, the wife of Oscar C. John, was called Home on the 8th of June, at 8 p.m., 1958, from a hospital in Portland, Oregon.

##### Roy Melvin John

2. Roy M. John, the second child of Bert W. and Fannie E. (Jordan) John, was born on the 31st of October, 1900, on his grandparents' farm in Garfield Township, Douglas County, South Dakota.

He moved with his parents from South Dakota in 1908 or 1909, to the Valley of Flathead, in Montana. After a few years they moved to Long Beach, California, in Los Angeles County, California.

Then in 1925, he moved with his parents to Oregon near Eugene. He finished his schooling and then went to teaching school. He has followed the teaching profession for a great many years.

He married Mildred Morningstar on the 28th of December, 1927.  
Her home was near the little village of Goshen, Oregon.

#### Floyd Wesley John

3. Floyd W. John, the third child of Bert W. and Fannie E. (Jordan) John, was born on the 7th of April, 1905, on his grandfathers' farm in Garfield Township, Douglas County, South Dakota. (He was a twin).

He moved with his parents from South Dakota to Flathead County, Montana, in 1909. Then in the year 1923, he went with his family to Eugene, Oregon and then to Long Beach, California. They returned to Eugene, Oregon within a couple of years.

He married Edna Snyder, on the 29th of July, 1933, in Salem, Oregon.

To them were born four children, namely;

1. Leon L. John, born on the 5th of May, 1937, in Eugene, Oregon. She married Patrick Moran on the 8th of March, 1958, in Springfield, Oregon. To them were born two children, namely;
  1. Patrick John Moran, born in Oregon.
  2. Paula Lucille Moran, born in Oregon.
2. Leland Louis John, was born on the 21st of April, 1939, in Camas, Washington. He married Judith Phillipson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Phillipson, on the 18th of August, 1936, in Portland, Oregon.
3. Lila Louise John, was born on the 12th of October, 1941, in Eugene, Oregon.
4. Lyle Lloyd John, was born on the 31st of January, 1945, in Eugene, Oregon.

#### Cora Lucretia John

4. Cora L. John, the fourth child of Bert W. and Fannie E. (Jordan) John, was born on the 7th of April, 1905, on her grandparents' farm in Garfield Township, Douglas County, South Dakota. (She was a twin). She moved with her parents from South Dakota to Flathead County, Montana in 1909, then in 1923, they moved by automobile via Eugene, Oregon, to Long Beach, California. They came with Clark E. John and his family and they camped out and did not drive very far each day and were on the road quite a while. They had a wonderful time on this trip.

Later on she went with her parent back to Oregon, After finishing her schooling she taught school for several years.

She married Floyd Mourer on the 17th of September, 1933, in Eugene, She was married by Rev. Francis L. Cook.

To them was born one child. Namely; Myron Wilber Mourer, who was born on the 13th of July, 1945.

SEVENTH BRANCH OF SIXTH GENERATION  
FROM LORENZO T. AND LUCRETIA E. JOHN

Milton Ross John

Milton Ross John, the seventh child of Lorenzo T. and Lucretia E. John, was born on the 25th of April, 1877, in West Fork Township, Franklin County, Iowa. He moved with his parents from Iowa to Dakota Territory in 1884, he was but seven years old when they took up a U.S. Government homestead of 320 acres of prairie land.

He worked for his folks till he was twenty-one and then went to Chicago, Illinois, where his brother Mark was working on the railroad for sometime.

He married Edith L. LaVanway daughter of Frank and Sarah Jane LaVanway, on the 2nd of December, 1902, on West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois. He was married by Rev. Christopher, the pastor of the Baptist Church.

Edith L. (LaVanway) John, was born on the 19th of January, 1877, in Cerro Gordo County, Iowa, fifteen miles from Mason City, Iowa.

After their marriage they moved back to South Dakota and farmed his father's farm for a year and then moved to Vona, Colorado, and took up a homestead near there in 1904 or 1905.

Then in 1909, they moved to Flathead Valley, Montana, where he rented a farm of Conrads and then bought a farm three miles west of Kalispell, where he did farming and dairying till he retired in 1946. He took a trip to California and through the west one summer. Then he worked in Glacier Park summers until he was taken ill in the fall of 1949, in the Park.

His daughter, Verna and husband Mark Jerrow, went to the Park and took him to Kalispell where God called him to his Heavenly Home on the 1st of September, 1949, at the age of 72 years, 4 months and 5 days.

He had prepared on earth for "The Home Over There". He had been a member of the Methodist Church for 39 years.

The funeral was held at Wagners and Campbell Undertakers in Kalispell, Montana. He was buried in the Conrad Memorial Park Cemetery. The Rev. M. E. Van de Mark of the Methodist Church had the service. Mr. Don Sheppard sang and Mrs. J.M. Carlson was at the organ.

Pallbearers were: Clinton Huston, Glenn Putman, Oscar Gustafson, J.C. Shew, T. S. Perry and J. R. Cochran.

His wife, Edith, and family were with him when the call came and they were all at the funeral.

To Milton Ross and Edith E. (LaVanway) John, were born three children, namely;  
1. Jesse Ross John, 2. Leo Dale John, and 3. Verna Ruth John.

Children and Grandchildren of Milton R. John and Edith E. (LaVanway) John

Jesse Ross John

1. Jesse R. John, the first child of Milton R. and Edith E. (LaVanway)

John, was born on the 2nd of June, 1906, on his grandparents' farm in Garfield Township, Douglas County, South Dakota, near the town of Corsica.

He moved with his parents to Colorado, where his folks took up a homestead on the prairie. Then in 1909, they moved to Kalispell, Montana, where he finished his schooling and grew to manhood.

He married Effe Whitehead on the 21st of February, 1927, at Shelby, Montana. To them was born one child, namely; 1. Eloise Helen John, on the 16th of October, 1929, at Kalispell. When she was grown to womanhood she married Charles Allers and to them were born seven children, namely; 1. Margory, 2. Theadore, 3. Patricia, 4. Theresa, 5. Kathlyn, 6. Shannee and 7. Charles John Allers.

Jesse R. John was married the second time to Mildred Bossom on the 24th of December, 1934, at White Salmon, Washington. To them were born six children, namely; 1. Linda John born January 30, 1934; 2. Ross Ambros, born December 11, 1936; 3. Austin Leo, born May 22, 1940; 4. Edith Pearl, born November 27, 1942; 5. Jean Marie, born February 11, 1951, and 6. Donna Lee John, born January 6, 1956.

Linda John married Gerald P. Lynch on the 26th of June, 1953. To them were born three children, namely;

1. Blenda, 2. Gloria and 3. Patricia.

Ross Ambros was born in White Salmon, Washington. He married Tavis Wood. To them a daughter was born, Michalle.

Austin Leo was born in Sacramento, California. He married Barbara Jean Foushay. To them was born one daughter, Denise Rene on the April, 27, 1959.

Edith Pearl was born at Oroville, California

Donna Lee John was born in Concord, California.

#### Leo Dale John

2. Leo Dale John, the second child of Milton R and Edith E. (LaVanway) John, was born on the 25th of June, 1911, in Kalispell, Montana. He had his schooling in Kalispell.

He married Elida Mero on the 21st of January, 1933, at 1833 Copper Street, Kalispell.

He married the second time to Alice Hankins in Portland, Oregon, on the fifth of November, 1945.

#### Verna R. John

3. Verna R. John, the third child of Milton Ross and Edith E. John, was born on the 17th of October, 1914, in Kalispell, Montana.

She had her schooling and grew up to womanhood in and near Kalispell, Montana.

She was married to Mark Jerrow on the 15th of November, 1934. at Polson, Montana, at the south end of Flathead Lake. Their home was at 168 Second Avenue, West North Kalispell, in 1958.

To them were born three children, namely;

1. Shirley Louise Jerrow, born on the 10th of October, 1935, in Kalispell, Montana. She married Allen Graham on the 6th of June, 1954. They had these children, namely;
  1. Russell Graham, born on the 16th of May, 1955, in Kalispell, Montana.
  2. Leach Lin Graham, born on the 18th of April, 1957, in Kalispell.
2. Lawrence John Jerrow, the second child of Verna R. and Mark Jerrow, was born on the 7th of October, 1937. in Kalispell, Montana.
3. Alan Russell Jerrow, the third child of Verna R. and Mark Jerrow, was born on the 17th of May, 1944. in Kalispell, Montana.

He was never real well and on the 7th of February, 1958, God called him Home. He was buried in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery, near his grandfather, Milton R. John. His age 13 years, 8 months, and 30 days.

In 1963, Edith E. (LaVanway) John's address was 168 Second Avenue, West North Kalispell, Montana. She made her home with her daughter and son-in-law, Verna and Mark Jerrow.

CLARK E. JOHN  
EIGHTH OF SIXTH GENERATION  
FROM  
LORENZO T. AND LUCRETIA E. JOHN  
AND  
THEIR DESCENDANTS

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## EIGHTH BRANCH OF SIXTH GENERATION

From Lorenzo T. and Lucretia E. John

Clark E. John, the eighth and youngest child of Lorenzo T. and Lucretia E. John, was born on Sunday the 7th of March, 1880, in his parents' log house, in Franklin County, West Fork Township, Iowa. This farm was east of the West Fork River and about nine miles east and south of Sheffield. (The writer was at this farm in 1959. This was his birthplace.) The buildings were all gone.

His father was a minister of the Gospel and a farmer. He preached in the United Brethern Church and had several appointments in Iowa. He moved with his parents to Pence Grove and Vinton, Iowa.

In 1885, his parents sold their farm and moved to Dakota Territory. This was before it became the state of South Dakota. They moved by train and shipped their things by freight. Clark was less than five years old at that time. His oldest sister, Cynthia and family, had already moved out there and taken up a Homestead farm of 160 acres.

His parents took a United States Government Homestead of 160 acres and then bought 160 acre farm adjoining it. This was in Garfield Township, Douglas County, one mile south of Choteau Creek. The nearest railroad was Mt. Vernon, twenty miles north. This was a long way with horses and wagon over rough stoney roads. There was a small village five miles from the farm called Grand View where they did their trading and got their mail.

There, through the cold blizzard winters, and the hot dry summers, he grew to manhood. His early years in the summer were spent on the prairie herding his parents' cattle. This was a lonesome job. At times some other boys would bring their cattle and put them together, then separate them when it was time to go home. His sister's son Charley Scott was with him part of the time. His father would have the cattle put in a fenced pasture on Sundays, so they could all go to church and when he got home he would drive the cattle to the creek for water.

The writer was back to South Dakota and the old farm in 1959, and what a change had taken place. A big house and barn and other buildings took the place of the old ones. The trees had grown large and more of them, but the deep drilled well is still pumping the nice soft water that it did fifty years ago.

In 1897, Clark moved with his parents from the farm in Douglas County to Mitchell, Davison County, about thirty miles north-east of the farm, where he finished his schooling. He then worked at different lines, carpentering in flour mills, North Western railroad carpenter on depots and baggage man for C. M. and St. Paul railroad, and carrying the United States Mail to the depots.

Clark was converted in the Salvation Army on the 28th of December, 1897, and in the following spring on the 13th of March, 1898, was taken into the Army as a member and always remained a member.

He married Captain Johanna Olsen, an officer in the Salvation Army, on the 15th of March, 1905, in the M. E. Church parsonage at Springfield, South Dakota. His brother-in-law, Rev. T. H. Hendricks, was the pastor officiating at the wedding.

They lived in part of his parents home till he built a home on East 7th Street. In 1908, his brother-in-law and family, and his family moved to Kalispell, Montana, Flathead Valley, and they shipped a freight car of goods on the Great Northern Railroad. They went to Montana on the train.

He bought a two acre piece of ground in Orchard Park, an addition to Kalispell. On this acreage they had fruit and a garden. The buildings on it were a good house and barn. Clark built a nice chicken house and raised chickens and he worked at carpenter work part time. They also raised rabbits to sell.

A few years later they bought eighty acres of cut over timber land that had a two bedroom log house, log barn and good well and windmill on it. This was about eight miles north and east of town. "This is where their daughters, Opal and Elva were born". A small portion was cleared and he dynamited stumps and cleared some more land so he could raise more feed and have a larger garden. He hired wood cutters to cut cord wood. He would haul the wood to Kalispell and sell it on the street.

They sold this eighty acre timber land and rented several farms in the Valley, trying out farming. They had two houses in town at this time. There were two others in town that were already sold. In the fall of 1922, they had a public auction sale, selling their personal property, their stock, chickens, farm machinery and part of their household things. Clark moved his family into one of their houses in town and he by himself, went by train to Long Beach, California to see how he would like it there. His brother Mark and sister Edna and their families were already living there.

When he left Montana everything was covered with snow and ice. When he landed in Long Beach, California, on a summer like day, he went with his sister to the street market and saw all kinds of fruit and vegetables out in the open to be sold. He fell in love with Long Beach. He worked at carpenter work through the winter, then on the first of May he started back to Montana on the train. They sold their houses and the rest of their personal things, then they made ready for their long trip. The last night they stayed at his brothers home, Ross John. Next morning bidding them goodbye, they started for Long Beach, California, in two model T Fords, not knowing if they would ever get to see each other again. Their son Morris drove one car and he the other. They went by the way of Oregon, where his brother Bert and family had already gone. From there they drove their car with Clarks to California. They stopped nights camping out in tents along the way, arriving near Long Beach the last days of July, 1923.

Clark had already rented some acreage north of Long Beach, which had some rather old buildings on it, and a good well with a power pump, so they could irrigate and raise a nice garden. They had chickens and rabbits. He worked at carpenter work. The following year they moved into Long Beach, California, renting a home on West Fourteenth Street.

Later they bought a seven room home on West 19th Street, where they lived over thirty years. This was at 436 W. 19th Street. They lived here until his wife, Johanna, passed away in 1955.

He bought an auto parking ground at 53 Cedar Avenue, Long Beach, California. He and his children operated this parking ground for about fourteen years. It was named Lincoln Auto Park. He worked at carpenter work at times. After selling the parking ground, he took the examination for custodian with the Board of Education of Long Beach, working at the Board Building and several

schools, the last school being John Dewey on American Avenue.

To Clark E. and Johanna (Olsen) John, was born five children, namely:

1. Morris V., 2. Percy L., 3. Joyce J., 4. Opal M. and Elva L. John.

(Their records are on pages 151, 154, 155, 158 and 159.)

#### A PRAYER

Take my hand and lead me gently,  
Lest my faltering footsteps stray,  
I am prone to ever wander,  
From Thy pathway far away,

Please, dear Father, stay beside me,  
Let me feel that Thou art here,  
And the world will not be dreary,  
When I know that Thou art near.

#### JOHANNA (OLSEN) JOHN

Johanna (Olsen) John, the wife of Clark E. John, and the daughter of Amund and Sere Olsen, was born on Saturday the 2nd of October, 1875, near the town of Trondheim, Norway.

When she was but a girl of sixteen, she left Norway and came to North America with some friends of the family by the name of Helmer Christopherson, who lived near Hanson, South Dakota. (North of Yankton).

She made her home with them when she was not otherwise engaged. While she was working in a hotel in Yankton, South Dakota, she came in contact with the Salvation Army. She attended their meetings and was converted and joined them. Later she applied and was accepted for Officers School in Chicago, Illinois. After going through the Officers College in the fall of 1899, she, as Lieutenant and Captain, assisted and had charge of several corps, until she was sent to Mitchell, South Dakota, where she met and got acquainted with her future husband, Clark E. John, the Sargent Major of the Salvation Army Corps there.

Her father passed away in Norway before she left Norway. Her mother and brother George and sister Sebena Olsen, came to North America at a later date, and lived at the Christopherson's home.

Johanna was married to Clark E. John, the son of Lorenzo T. and Lucretia E. John, in the Methodist Episcopal Church Parsonage by his brother-in-law, Rev. T. H. Hendricks, the pastor there in Springfield, South Dakota. This took place on the 15th of March, 1905, The snow was melting so the train was very late that Clark was on, so the wedding was delayed until late in the evening. Mrs. Hendricks, the pastor's wife and sister of the groom, had a fine wedding dinner ready for them.

They lived for a while in part of the groom parents' home on 7th and Rowley Street, in Mitchell, South Dakota. Later her husband built a new home on 7th Street and they lived there till in the fall of 1908. She, her husband and family moved to Kalispell, Montana. She had two children in Mitchell, Morris and Percy and three children in Montana, Joyce, Opal and Elva John.

She was called from this life at 12:10 P.M. on the 2nd of August, in 1955, from her home at 436 West 19th Street, Long Beach, California, where she had lived for the past thirty years, to her Heavenly Home, that she had been preparing since she was converted in her teens.

She had a strenuous life while here in her earthly home, but in her Home over there, she will have no more sickness, suffering, sorrow or death, and she will be able to enjoy the reward that she so faithfully earned while here on this earth.

She lived a true Christian life, and all her children are following in her path, and that is what she so prayerfully lived for.

Her health had not been very good for several years; she had pain and suffering a lot. There were nights when she would be in great pain. Her husband would get up to try to help relieve the pain but she would tell him to go back to bed and rest and that she would be all right. But of course he would stay up with her until the pain eased up or passed away. She was always thinking of others and forgetting herself.

A few evenings before she received her call, and just before she went to bed, she said, "that she wished it was all over and that she was ready and waiting".

She and her husband, were given a nice celebration by their children and grandchildren and friends on their Golden Wedding Day, the 15th of March, 1955, at the North Long Beach Y.M. C.A., with a nice program of music, speaking, and "This is Your Life". There were wonderful refreshments served.

The Sunday before the celebration, their children gave them a nice dinner and presents. This was held at the Hody's Restaurant in Lakewood, California.

#### Her Last Sickness and Death

The last few weeks her daughter's husband Charlie, would bring his wife Opal and children to stay with their mother and grandmother. He would bring them on his way to work and stop for them on his way home in the evenings, so that her mother would not be alone in the daytime. On the day of her passing, Opal and her children were with her when she was lying on the bed resting when she sat up on the side of the bed. Opal asked her how she felt and she answered that not so bad, then she asked her if she would like to have her hair combed. She said that would be nice and without warning she fell over backwards on the bed and was gone. Opal tried to get the doctor, ambulance and her father, who was at work, and the phone was busy so she told them it was an emergency, but they would not get off the line. They were frantic and the children ran to the neighbors to phone. It was so nice that Opal and the children were there with her when the call came. They will receive their reward for that kindness.

She was 79 years and 8 months to the day. The funeral was at Mottell's Funeral Parlors, Third and Alamitos, Long Beach, California, at 2 P.M. the 6th day of August, 1955. Major Howard E. Sloan, the officer of the Salvation Army, Long Beach Corps, had the service and Brigadier William Parkins assisting. Mrs. Major Howard Sloan and Lieutenant Mary Gunther sang; Good morning Up There, and Under His Wing. Gen Driskill at the organ.

There was large display of flowers and a long line of cars went to the cemetery. She was buried in the Sunnyside Memorial Park Cemetery, Lot J ab in Block 160,

Section Erick, Long Beach, California. The pallbearers were: Roger Green, Breck Shinn, Harry Leighton, Edgar King, Marion Swank, and C. R. Newman, Senior. All her family were at the funeral, and each one helped in making the funeral arrangements and what a comfort it was to their father in a time when things looked so dark. The Lord will bless them for their part in those trying hours.

The lines were taken from a ribbon book marker that she had printed to give to her soldiers when she was stationed in Iowa.

#### SAFE IN JESUS

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee,  
The Lord make His face to shine  
Upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.  
The Lord lift up His Countenance  
Upon thee, and give thee peace.

Numbers 6: 24-25-26

Safe in the arms of Jesus,  
Safe from the world's temptations,  
Sin cannot harm you there.  
Safe from corroding care.

Ever Yours, Captain Johanna Olsen

#### FIRST BRANCH OF SEVENTH GENERATION

#### FROM CLARK E. AND JOHANNA (OLSEN) JOHN

Morris Valentine John, the first child of Clark E. and Johanna (Olsen) John, was born on the 14th of February, 1906, in his grandparents' home, seventh and Rowley Streets, Mitchell, South Dakota. He was born on Wednesday evening.

At the age of two his parents moved from Mitchell, to Kalispell, Montana, in Flathead Valley of the Rocky Mountains, over the Great Northern Railroad.

His parents had bought a two acre home in Orchard Park addition to the town of Kalispell, where they made their home at first. They later bought eighty acres of timber land about eight miles north and east of Kalispell that had a two bedroom log house on it. This log house is where his two sisters were born, Opal and Elva.

His first schooling was at the new school across the road from his log home. This made it handy for him. This schoolhouse his father built. The school was first held in the woodshed until the school building was finished. His parents with some others, organized this school district and named the district and school, Birch Grove.

Later his parents sold the eighty acre farm, and rented some farms in Flathead Valley, so he went to different schools. Part of the time he drove a pony and a buggy in the summer time and a sleigh in the winter. His last school in Montana was the high school in Kalispell.

When he was seventeen his parents moved from Montana by automobile to Long Beach, California. They had two Ford cars and he drove one and his father the other. They rented some acreage near Clearwater, north of Long Beach and he helped raise chickens and a garden. He and his brothers raised rabbits to sell.

He went to Compton High School on the school bus. He graduated from that school on the 12th of June, 1924, and the graduation was held in the American Legion Pavilion in Compton.

He then took a course of study from the International Correspondence School in Pennsylvania. He worked at different lines of work and then helped his father handling cars in his auto park nights and at times when he was out of work. On the 20th of July, 1927, he went to Los Angeles and applied for a job and got one with the Telephone Company and he would come and go to work on the Pacific Electric train. In July, 1962, he had worked for them thirty-five years.

He was married to Margaret Erla Imbrie, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Imbrie, on the 25th of November, 1934, at the Calvary Presbyterian Church, in Wilimington, California, by Rev. H. E. Tweedie, the pastor.

They took their honeymoon on a boat trip from Los Angeles Harbor to San Francisco, with their car on the boat with them. Then drove to Vancouver, Canada; returning home to Long Beach over land. They made their temporary home at 149 Locust Avenue, moving from there to a rented apartment in Alhambra, California. This was much nearer his work. Later they built a home and in 1938, they moved into it. Their home is on a hill so they have a wonderful view over the valley around them. Their home is at 3004 Park View Drive, Alhambra, California.

To Morris V. and Margaret Erla (Imbrie) John, was born one child, namely; Cheryl John.

#### MORRIS V. JOHN'S WIFE AND FAMILY

##### Margaret Erla (Imbrie) John

Margaret Erla (Imbrie) John, the wife of Morris V. John, and the daughter of John Alfred and Jessie May Imbrie, was born on Thursday, the 5th of October, 1905, at Harrisville, Pennsylvania. (A twin).

Her father, John A. Imbrie, was born on the 7th of March, 1883, and was called Home on the 28th of January, 1961.

Her mother, Jessie May Imbrie, was born on the 27th of October, 1883, and was called Home on the 10th of March, 1935.

To John A and Jessie M. Imbrie were born six children, namely;

1. Ida May Imbrie, was born on the 3rd of September, 1903. She was called Home in April, 1926.
2. Mary Edna Imbrie, was born on the 23rd of October, 1904. She married George F. Reynolds. They had four girls, namely; 1. Marilyn Erla (Reynolds) Lappe, 2. Helen Imbrie (Reynolds) Billings, Donna (Reynolds) Parker and Ann (Reynolds) Young.

3. Margaret Erla(Imbrie) John , was born on the 5th of October, 1905. (Twin) She married Morris V. John, the first child of Clark E. and Johanna (Olson) John.
4. Twila Bell Imbrie, was born on the 5th of October, 1905. (Twin.) Deceased on the 27th of October, 1910.
5. Ernest DeWitt Imbrie, was born on the 6th of August, 1911. He married Sara Elizabeth Martin. To them were born two children, namely; 1. Gwendolyn Marie(Imbrie )Perchard and 2. Sally Lee Imbrie.
6. Elizabeth Louise (Imbrie-Towne) Callaghan. was born on the 27th of February, 1920. She had two children, namely; Margaret Louise who died in infancy, and Virginia Towne, born July 21, 1939.

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#### Cheryl John

Cheryl John, the daughter of Morris V. John and Margaret Erla (Imbrie) John, was born on Sunday morning, the 23rd of October, 1938, in the Garfield Hospital on Garfield Avenue, Monterey Park, Los Angeles County, California.

Her first schooling was in the elementary school of Alhambra and the Alhambra High School. Her college education was at the Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colorado, and the University of Southern California, from which she received her Bachelor of Science Degree on the 20th of January, 1960.

After finishing her education at the University of Southern California, she began her career as a teacher in the Sierra Park School in Los Angeles, California.

She married Gilbert James Sales on Wednesday evening on the 22nd of June, 1960, at the Oneonta Congregational Church, 1515 Garfield Avenue, South Pasadena, California. The pastor was Dr. Copenhaver.

To Cheryl (John) Sales and Gilbert James Sales, was born a son Marcel J. Sales. on Saturday, March 13, 1965, in Pensacola, Florida.

#### Gilbert James Sales

Gilbert James Sales, the husband of Cheryl (John) Sales, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Como Sales, Junior, was born on the 23rd of June, 1935, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. His first education was in the elementary schools of Denver, Colorado and the high schools of Los Angeles. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles on the 11th of June, 1959. He received his Doctor of Medicine Degree from the California College of Medicine in Los Angeles, on the 13th of June, 1963. Interned at the Los Angeles County Hospital, 1963-1964. He attended Navy Flight Surgeons school January 1965 to June 1965 and was assigned to overseas duty.

SECOND BRANCH OF  
SEVENTH GENERATION  
FROM CLARK E. AND JOHANNA JOHN

Percy Lorenzo John, the second child from Clark E. and Johanna (Olsen) John, was born on the 19th of June, 1908, in his parents home on the corner of Seventh and Rowley Streets in Mitchell, South Dakota.

When he was but five months old, he with his parents moved from Mitchell to Kalispell, Montana, in November, 1908. They bought two acres of fruit land at the edge of town, where they raised garden and chickens.

Then later his folks bought eighty acres of timber land north and east of town. They sold this farm in a few years and rented a farm in what was called Helena Flats. He started to school in the school called Helena Flats, about a mile from this farm.

From there they moved to a farm north-west of Kalispell, so he went to the Spring Creek School near there. After a few years they moved to a farm three miles west of town called the Ware Brothers Farm and from there he went to Kalispell to school till in June, 1923, his parents moved in town in the fall of 1922. Then the last of June, 1923, they started with two Ford cars for a new home in California. They had a tent and camped along the way, arriving near Long Beach about the first of July. His Uncle Bert John and family came with them from Oregon. They all cooked their meals outdoors.

They first settled near Clearwater and he went to school there. Then to high school in Compton by school bus. The following May, they moved to Long Beach, where he finished his high school at Polly High in Long Beach. He then took a course in the Frank Wiggins School in Los Angeles.

He with his brother Joyce, had a second hand and new furniture store for several years. During the war and afterwards he worked in the shipyards out in the harbor. He was the manager of the Good Will Store in Gardena for sometime.

He took the examination and got a steady job with the City of Long Beach, which he has held for a number of years.

He was married to Laura Etta Sanderson, the daughter of Evert G. and Mary (Johnson) Sanderson, on the 25th of April, 1941 at 8 P.M. in the First Methodist Church at Fifth and Pacific, Long Beach, California, by the pastor Dr. George W. McDonald. He had been on the official board at this church for a number of years.

They have two adopted children, namely; 1. Larry Douglas John and 2. Jeanice Marie John.

1. Larry Douglas John, was born on the 27th of June, 1946, in the city of Long Beach, California.
2. Jeanice Marie John, was born on the 26th of June, 1956, in the city of Long Beach, California

PERCY JOHN'S WIFE LAURA  
AND HER FAMILY  
OF THE SECOND BRANCH OF THE SEVENTH GENERATION  
FROM CLARK E. AND JOHANNA JOHN

Laura Etta (Sanderson) John

The parents of Laura Sanderson were Evert G. and Mary (Johnson) Sanderson. To them were born eleven children, namely;

1. George Sanderson, born on the 20th of October, 1909. He married Ella Butts.
2. Elmer Sanderson, was born on the 7th of December, 1910. He married Ruth Rosenstock.
3. Laura Etta (Sanderson) John, was born on the 27th of January, 1912, in Arapahoe, Colorado. She was married to Percy L. John, on the 25th of April 1941. (More detail with Percy L. John's record).
4. Viola (Sanderson) Young, was born on the 29th of March, 1913. She married Garland Young.
5. Cecil Sanderson, was born on the 7th of January, 1914. He married Grace Jager.
6. Gail Sanderson was born on the 4th of October, 1916. He died on the 4th of January, 1922. Age 6.
7. Alice (Sanderson) Clark, was born on the 14th of March, 1918. She married Millard Clark.
8. Athalyn (Sanderson) Bakkene, was born on the 4th of December, 1919. She married Johnnie Bakkene.
9. Nina (Sanderson) Butts, was born on the 30th of May, 1921. She married Duane Butts.
10. An infant born in 1924 died in infancy.
11. Dean Sanderson, was born on the 6th of June, 1926. He married Mary Alice Bullis.

THIRD BRANCH OF  
SEVENTH GENERATION  
FROM CLARK E. AND JOHANNA JOHN

Joyce Jay John, was born on the 21st of November, 1910, in his parents' home on their two acre tract in Orchard Park addition of Kalispell, Montana. He was born on Monday.

His early schooling was in the rural district of Flathead County and in Kalispell, Montana.

When he was thirteen, his parents and the rest of the family moved from Kalispell, Montana, to Long Beach, California, with two automobiles. Leaving

there in the first part of June, and reaching Long Beach, California the last of June, 1923.

His uncle Bert John and family joined with them from Oregon down to Long Beach, California. They had tents and camped along the way and they cooked their meals out of doors. It was a nice trip and all had a good time.

They settled first at Clearwater, northeast of Long Beach, on some acre land with a good well and power pump on it so they could irrigate their truck garden. They raised chickens and rabbits.

Joyce went to school in Clearwater and then his parents went to Long Beach, where he finished his grade school and high school education. He graduated from high school on Friday, the 18th of June, 1926.

He took a course at the Wiggins Trade School in Los Angeles, California. He worked at different lines of work, then took up carpenter work. He was a lead man in the shipyards during World War II.

Joyce and his brother Percy were in the second hand store business for several years.

He has played in the Salvation Army Band for many years. He and his wife have had charge of the North Long Beach Salvation Army Sunday School for a great many years.

He married Lieutenant Mable E. Andrews, the daughter of Brigadier and Mrs. John W. Andrews, (Mrs. Andrews is now Major Ida Loney) of the Salvation Army on Friday evening, the 18th of August, 1939, in the Salvation Army Citadel at 329 Locust Avenue, Long Beach, California, by Colonel A. Smeaton.

#### Mable Evelyn (Andrews) John

Mable Evelyn (Andrews) John, wife of Joyce Jay John, and daughter of Brigadier and Mrs. John W. Andrews, was born on the 30th of July, 1915, in New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada. She was born on Friday.

She graduated from the Salvation Army Training School in San Francisco, as an officer in 1935. She was stationed in several appointments at different places. The last one being in the North Long Beach Corps.

To Joyce J. and Mable E. (Andrews) John, were born four children, namely;  
1. Sylvia Joy John, 2. Karen Mae John, 3. Miriam Louise John, and 4. Clark Jay John.

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Eighth Generation  
From Joyce J. and Mable E. John

Sylvia Joy John

1. Sylvia Joy John, the first child of Joyce J. and Mable E. (Andrews) John, was born on the 26th of July, 1940, at 8:30 in the Cottage Maternity Hospital, 1069 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, California.

Her schooling was in the grade and high schools. She graduated from Star Jordan High School on the 13th of June, 1957. She then worked for several Long Beach florists for several years.

She was married to Paul Wolkersdorfer on the eight p.m. on the 18th of May, 1962, at the 329 Locust Avenue, Long Beach, California, by the officer in charge of the Salvation Army.

To them were born two children, namely:  
2. Paul Jay Wolkersdorfer. Mary Ann was born on 1963, at the Memorial Hospital, 2807 Atlantic Avenue. Paul Jay Wolkersdorfer was born August 1964.

Paul E. Wolkersdorfer, the husband of Mary Ann, was born on the 19th of December, 1940, in the United States Navy. After his service, he attended the School at San Francisco and graduated from the United States Army in Reno, Nevada.

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2. Karen M. John, the second child of Joyce E. and Mable F. (Andrews) John, was born on the 17th of August, 1943, at the California Hospital, 1069 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, California.

Her schooling was in the grade and high schools. She graduated from Jordan High School on the 13th of June, 1957. She then took a three year course in training in the California Hospital, 1069 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, California, of Nursing in Los Angeles, California.

She was married to Gary Evan Bolton, the son of Mable F. (Andrews) John, on the 7th of February, 1964, by Capt. Robert C. Gillwell, Chaplain of the Salvation Army in Long Beach, California, 329 Locust Avenue.

To them was born a son on the 9th of September, 1964, at the California Hospital in Los Angeles, California, in the morning. He weighed 8 pounds and 14 ounces. Namely; Jeffery Alon Bolton.

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Miriam Louise John

3. Miriam L. John, the third child of Joyce E. and Mable F. (Andrews) John, was born on the 10th of April, 1949, at 4:02 a.m. in the Cottage Maternity Hospital, 1069 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, California.

All her schooling has been in the schools of Long Beach, California.

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Clark Jay John

4. Clark J. John, the fourth child of Joyce J. and Mable E. (Andrews) John, was born on the 11th of June, 1952, at 5:30 a.m. in the Cottage Maternity Hospital at 1069 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, California.

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FOURTH OF SEVENTH GENERATION  
FROM CLARK E. AND JOHANNA JOHN

Opal Mae John, the fourth child of Clark E. and Johanna (Olsen) John, was born on Friday morning, the 9th of August, 1912, in her parents' log house on their timber farm, eight miles north and east of the town of Kalispell, Montana, in Flathead Valley and Flathead County.

Her early schooling was in Kalispell City Schools. She and her sister and brothers walked three miles to school most of the time in those country roads.

When she was eleven years old, she with her parents moved from Kalispell to Long Beach, California, with two Ford automobiles, starting the first part of June, 1923, arriving in Long Beach, California the last of the same month.

Her Uncle Bert W. John and family went from Oregon with them on down in their car, camping out and cooking their meals in their tents. They had a wonderful time on the way.

They first settled near the little town of Clearwater and on the following May they moved to West 14th Street, Long Beach, and then her parents bought a seven room house at 436 West 19th Street, where she lived until she was married.

She went to the grade schools in Clearwater and Long Beach. She graduated from high school on Thursday evening, June 19th, 1932. She graduated from Junior College and then went to the University of California at Los Angeles, at Westwood.

She married Charles Richmond Newman, Junior, on the 8th of September, 1936, at the Salvation Army, 329 Locust Avenue, Long Beach, California. They were married by Adjutant George Houghton, the officer in charge of Long Beach Corps. This was in the evening on Thursday.

Charles Richmond Newman, Jr.

Charles Richmond Newman, Junior, husband of Opal M. (John) Newman, son of Charles R. and Christine E. Newman, was born on the 17th of February, 1908, in Winnipeg, Canada. He was born on Monday. Charles and Opal made their home in Seattle, Washington, where Charles and his brother Frank, had an upholstering shop until September, 1946. They moved back to Long Beach and he worked at different lines and carpenter work until he was made foreman of a large building project.

To them were born two children, namely; 1. Joan Opal Newman and 2. Richard Charles Newman.

Joan Opal Newman

1. Joan Opal Newman, daughter of Opal M. and Charles R. Newman, was born at noon on the 18th of August, 1939, in the St. Lukes Hospital in Seattle, Washington. She moved, with her parents, from Seattle to Long Beach, California, in September, 1946.

Her first schooling was near Seattle. After moving to Long Beach, she graduated from grade school and high school. She graduated in 1957, from Jordan High School, North Long Beach. She did clerking in the Ardens Store on Pine Avenue, Long Beach. She was employed in 1962, as a secretary for the Long Beach State College. She also attended Long Beach City College.

She was married to Philip J. Dunning, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Neff of Sacramento, California, in the evening of the 14th of April, 1962, at the First Church of the Brethren at 3332 Magnolia Avenue, Long Beach, California. Captain Robert Stillwell, the officer in charge of the Salvation Army in Long Beach, officiated.

Philip James Dunning, husband of Joan O. (Newman), was born on the 16th of May, 1942, in the City of San Francisco, California. He served in the United States Navy. He attended the Fullerton College in Orange County, and is still studying while working as a carpenter.

To Joan O. (Newman) and Philip Dunning, was born a daughter, Doreen Kay, on February, 24, 1966.

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Richard Charles Newman

2. Richard C. Newman, the second child of Opal M. and Charles R. Newman, was born on the 5th of January, 1944, at 1:30 p.m. in the General Hospital in Seattle, Washington (on Marion Street).

He moved with his parents from Washington to Long Beach, California, in September, 1946. He graduated from the public schools of Long Beach, and after they moved to Anaheim, California, he went to school in Anaheim, Orange County, California. He attended Fullerton Junior College where he graduated in 1963.

FIFTH OF  
SEVENTH GENERATION  
FROM CLARK E. AND JOHANNA JOHN

Elva Lucia John, was born on Saturday evening in her parents' log house on their timber farm eight miles north and east of Kalispell, Montana, on the 31st of January, 1914.

Her early schooling was in the city of Kalispell, Montana. She with her sister and brothers walked most of the time to school from the farm which was three miles west of town.

When her parents sold out in the fall of 1922, they moved to Kalispell in one

of the three houses they owned. They lived here through the winter while her father went to Long Beach, California, to work and look for a new place to make their home.

In the early summer of 1923, she moved with her parents, overland to Long Beach, California. They left her Uncle Ross's place near Kalispell, Montana, the first part of June, 1923, with two Ford cars. Her brother Morris drove one car and her father drove the other car. Her Uncle Bert and family drove down with them from Oregon to California. There were three cars all told. They had a nice time camping out and cooking their meals.

Her parents rented some acreage near Clearwater and she went to school there. The next May they moved to Long Beach and rented a house on West 14th Street. The following year her parents bought a home at 436 West 19th Street.

She finished her grade school and high school in Long Beach. She graduated from Polly High School on Thursday, at 5 p.m. on June 16, 1932.

She then took up post graduate work and adult education. She worked at the Ferrying Command through the War II. Then she worked at Douglas Aviation Corporation and other airplane plants until 1956.

She married Owen Frank Newman (a brother of Opal's husband Charles R. Newman), in the evening of the 20th of May, 1955, at the Greenwich Wedding Chapel, 5870 East Second Street, Long Beach, California, by Rev. Geo. W. McDonald, minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

They located at the home that her husband had already bought at 3732 Clark Avenue, Long Beach 5, California.

To them were born two children, namely; 1. Robert Owen Newman and 2. Carole Marie Newman.

#### Owen Frank Newman

Owen Frank Newman, son of Charles R., Senior, and Christine E. Newman, and the husband of Elva L. (John) Newman, was born on Friday, the 18th of November, 1910, in Winnepeg, Canada.

He moved with his parents from Canada to Long Beach, California. In 1934, he with his parents moved to Seattle, Washington, where he and his brother Charles were in the upholstering business.

He was in World War II. After the war he moved back to Long Beach, California, where he is in the upholstering business on East 4th Street, Long Beach, California.

#### EIGHTH GENERATION FROM ELVA L. AND OWEN F. NEWMAN

1. Robert Owen Newman, was born at 9:17 p.m. on Friday, the 29th of March, 1957, in the Seaside Hospital on West 14th Street, Long Beach, California.
2. Carole Marie Newman, was born at 9:10 a.m. on Monday the 13th of October, 1958, in the Seaside Hospital on West 14th Street, Long Beach, California.

### The Newman Family

Mr. Charles Richmond, Senior, was born in 1877, in Yorkshire, England.

Mrs. Christine E. (Ledman) Newman, the wife of Charles R. Newman, Senior, was born on October 21, 1881, in Manitoba, Canada.

Mrs. Charles R. Newman, Senior, died in the Community Hospital in Long Beach, California, on the 25th of February, 1948. She was buried in the Inglewood Cemetery at Inglewood, California. Major C. Thomas conducted the funeral. Age 66.

To Charles R. and Christine E. (Ledman) Newman, were born three children, namely; 1. Charles R. Newman, Junior (Opal John's husband), 2. Owen Frank Newman, (Elva John's husband) and 3. Ellen Newman. Ellen Newman married Frank Hibbs.

### CLARK E. JOHN AND FAMILY CONTINUED

Clark E. John, was married the second time to Mrs. Gladys Marie (Gibson) Danielson, the daughter of Louis N. and Mary C. (Spain) Gibson, on the 18th of December, 1960, in the patio and yard of the bride's oldest daughter and her husband's home (Emily and Russell E. Todd), at 2137 Albury Avenue, Long Beach, California.

Lieutenant Robert J. Stillwell performed the marriage ceremony. Lieutenant Stillwell was the Commanding Officer of the Salvation Army of the Long Beach Corps. His assistant, Lieutenant Lee Lindsey, offered the prayer. Mrs. Lieutenant Robert Stillwell was at the piano and Sylvia John, the groom's granddaughter, sang "I Renew My Covenant With Thee".

The day was warm and sunny which made an outdoor wedding lovely. It was just a family wedding with the bride and groom's families present. The groom's oldest son, Morris V. John, and the bride's oldest daughter, Emily (Danielson) Todd, were Best Man and Matron of Honor.

The bride's daughter and husband, Emily and Russell Todd, gave a lovely reception in their patio for the guests present and the groom's daughters did the serving.

The groom's son and wife, Morris and Erla John, drove them to Los Angeles and gave them a nice dinner at a restaurant. They went from there to the Greyhound Bus Depot and started their wedding trip to Kalispell, Montana, where the bride's youngest daughter Peggy and her husband Lieutenant Matt E. Brown, are the Corps Officers of the Salvation Army.

They visited friends and relatives on the way both going and coming back. They returned by way of Portland, Oregon, arriving in Long Beach at 5 a.m. January, 9, 1961. They lived at the groom's apartment at 619 Cedar Avenue, Long Beach, until January 14, when they took residence at the bride's former apartment, 559 East 10th Street.

They are now living at 1360 Prospect Avenue, Long Beach, California.

Gladys Marie (Danielson) John

Gladys Marie (Danielson) John, was born on April 21, 1904, at North Platte, Nebraska. When she was less than a year old, she and her parents and their family and grandparents, left North Platte with two covered wagons for Idaho. She resided in Idaho Falls, Idaho, until she was twelve years of age. They then moved to Duboise, Idaho for approximately one year, after which time they took up residence in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Her parents became interested in and became members of The Salvation Army. At eighteen years of age she assisted Captain and Mrs. George Houghton at The Salvation Army Corps in Twin Falls, Idaho. where she applied for and was accepted as a candidate for Officership in the Salvation Army.

Entering Training School in San Francisco in the year of 1924-25, she was in a group that was known as the "Blood and Fire Session of Cadets".

She was commissioned Lieutenant and assisted Captain and Mrs. Houghton in Salt Lake City, Utah. She was the Corps Officer for several Corps in the Northwest.

Captain Gladys Gibson married Captain Wendell Danielson in Wenatchee, Washington, at the Salvation Army Citadel by Ensign George Houghton, who was attached to Divisional Headquarters at Spokane, Washington. In August, 1936, they took up residence in Long Beach, California.

Wendell Danielson, was called to his Heavenly Home from his daughter's home on Albury Street, Long Beach, California, on the 2nd of February, 1957.

He was buried in Sunnyside Memorial Park Cemetery, Long Beach, California.

To Gladys M. (Gibson) Danielson, was born three children, namely; 1. Emily G. Danielson, 2. Chester D. Danielson, and Peggy L. Danielson.

1. Emily G. Danielson, was born on the 5th of November, 1928, in Spokane, Washington.

She married Russell E. Todd. They have four children.

1. Patrick J. Todd, born on the 3rd of April 1948.
2. Kathleen S. Todd, born on the 23rd of August, 1950.
3. Laurell C. Todd, born on the 20th of October, 1954.
4. Rebecca D. Todd, born on the 14th of August, 1956.

2. Chester D. Danielson, was born on the 25th of February, 1931, in Miles City, Montana.

He married Victoria D. Nottle in Long Beach, California.  
To them were born five children.

1. David D. Danielson, born on the 7th of June, 1954.
2. Dawn E. Danielson, born on the 2nd of April, 1957.
3. Douglas K. Danielson, born on the 19th of August, 1958.
4. Dennis K. Danielson, born on the 5th of September, 1959.
5. Doreen Marie Danielson, born on the 20th, May, 1963.

3. Peggy L. Danielson, was born on the 24th of September, 1938, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

She married Mathew E. Brown in Sioux City, Iowa. He was the son of Edward and Mrs. Deliah Brown. Mathew E. Brown was born in Sioux City, Iowa, on August 23, 1937. He served in the United States Navy and is now an officer in the Salvation Army in Olympia, Washington.

To them were born four children, namely;

1. Tammy R. Brown, born on the 19th of March, 1958.
2. Mathew E. Brown, born on the 28th of August, 1959.
3. Delhia M. Brown, born on the 23rd of October, 1962.
4. William Booth Brown, born on the 28th of May, 1965, in Centralia, Washington.

KIMBER LEROY JOHN  
SECOND OF FIFTH GENERATION  
FROM  
JEHU JOHN  
AND  
HIS DESCENDANTS

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SECOND  
BRANCH OF FIFTH GENERATION  
FROM JEHU AND PATIENCE JOHN

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Kimber LeRoy John, the second child of Jehu and Patience (Houseweart) John, was born on the 15th of October, 1838, in Shamokin Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

He was in the Civil War from 1861 to 1864, Company M. 8th Regiment, Illinois Cavalry. He was stationed in Washington, D.C. He was in quite a lot of the battles during the war. He, with the other soldiers, suffered in the cold winters with frozen hands and feet. Some froze to death for they had but very little clothing and medical care.

After the war, Kimber with others, went out to California during the big gold rush in 1849.

He died on the 3rd of March, 1870, in Marysville, California.

He never married.

I stopped at Marysville in 1957, and tried to locate his grave in the old burying ground north of town, but of no avail. I did find the death notice in an old paper(The Daily Appeal) in the Public Library there. I went to different Mortuaries before going to the Library. Quote from paper, "In this city, on the 3rd of March, 1870, K. L. John died, age 33, native of Illinois".

Note: Kimber L. John, visited friends and relations in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania in the fall of 1860.

CEPHAS DAY JOHN  
THIRD OF FIFTH GENERATION  
FROM  
JEHU JOHN  
AND  
HIS DESCENDANTS

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THIRD  
BRANCH OF FIFTH GENERATION  
FROM JEHU AND PATIENCE JOHN

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Cephas Day John, the third child of Jehu and Patience (Houseweart) John, was born on the 23rd of September, 1841, in Shamokin Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

He moved with his parents to Winnebago County, Illinois, when he was but a small boy.

He was in the Civil War and was in the service nearly the full time of the war. After coming out of the war he was ordained as a preacher which he followed the rest of his days. He would farm week days and preach on Sundays.

He married Lizzie McGregor on the 5th of August, 1871, in Rockford, Illinois. To them were born four children, namely; 1. Agnes G., 2. Mannie V., 3. Roda E, and 4. Nellie B. John.

Cephas died on the 21st of July, 1913 and was buried in Pleasant Hope. Age 71 years, 9 months and 26 days. His wife Lizzie died on the 21st of August, 1937. She also was buried at Pleasant Hope.

Cephas made a visit back to Pennsylvania in the fall of 1868 and Daniel John went with him.

Children and Grandchildren of Cephas D. and Lizzie John

Agnes Grace John

Agnes G. John, the first child of Cephas D. and Lizzie (McGregor) John, was born on the 24th of November, 1872, in Rockford, Illinois.

She married Joe S. Hoy on the 17th of November, 1889. To them were born seven children, namely;

1. Stella Hoy, born on the 28th of June, 1800. Died the same day.
2. A boy born on the 4th of March, 1891 and he died on the 9th.
3. Elizabeth Hoy, born on the 11th of April, 1892. She died on the 17th of January, 1894. Age two.
4. Fannie Hoy, born on the 20th of December, 1894. She married

Fred Bigman on the 13th of January, 1915. To them were born four children, namely;

1. Mildred Nadine Bingman, born on the 19th of March, 1923.
  2. Eula Faye Bingman, born on the 15th of April, 1924.
  3. Agnes Merle Bingman, born on the 10th of May, 1926.
  4. Betty Jean Bingman, born on the 31st of December, 1928.
5. Goldie Hoy, was born on the 9th of March, 1898. She married William Bennett on the 8th of August, 1915, near Norman, Oklahoma. To them were born five children, namely;
1. Ruby Bennett, born on the 26th of January, 1918. She died on the 24th of March, 1921. Age 3.
  2. William Franklin Bennett, Junior, born on the 6th of August, 1921.
  3. Velma (Bennett) Harris, born on the 1st of August, 1923.
  4. Neva Jo. (Bennett) Harris, born on the 23rd of February, 1928.
6. Sylvia Hoy, was born on the 31st of January, 1905. She married David Phillips on the 23rd of November, 1932. To them were born three children, namely;
1. Lena May, born on the 12th of October, 1933.  
She married Russell Morris on the 17th of June, 1958.
  2. Barbara Jo Phillips, born on the 21st of May, 1937.  
She married Winfred Poemocea (Comanche Indian) the 29th of November, 1957.
  3. Vera Beth Phillips, born on the 28th of November, 1945.
7. Joda Hoy, was born on the 19th of May, 1907. She died on the 13th of October, 1942. Age 35.

Agnes G. (John) Hoy died the 2nd of March, 1958, and was buried in Norman, Oklahoma.

#### Mannie Verdilla John

Mannie V. John, the second child of Cephas D. and Lizzie (McGregor) John, was born on the 30th of March, 1875, in Winnebago County, Illinois. She moved with her parents from Illinois to Iowa. Then after a few years they moved to Pleasant Hope, Missouri.

She married H. L. Burns. They had no children of their own, but she had two step-children, a boy and a girl.

Their home was in Missouri. She died and was buried in Pleasant Hope, Missouri. I have no other record for her nor for her husband or their family.

#### Roda Elizabeth John

Roda E. John, the third child of Cephas D. and Lizzie (McGregor) John, was born on the 4th of December, 1878, in the State of Iowa.

She moved with her parents from Iowa to Pleasant Hope, Missouri.

She married C. A. Clingman. To them were born two children, namely;

1. Eften Clingman. He died and was buried in California.
2. Alva Clingman. She died and was buried in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

This is all the information I have of this family.

Nellie Blanch John

Nellie B. John, the fourth child of Cephas D. and Lizzie (McGregor) John, was born on the 28th of June, 1883, in the State of Iowa.

She moved with her parents from Iowa to Pleasant Hope, Missouri, where she spent most of the rest of her life. She never married.

She passed away on the 24th of October, 1940, and was buried in Pleasant Hope, Missouri.

SARAH MARTHA JOHN  
FOURTH OF FIFTH GENERATION

FROM

JEHU JOHN

AND

HIS DESCENDANTS

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FOURTH

BRANCH OF FIFTH GENERATION  
FROM JEHU AND PATIENCE JOHN

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Sarah M. John, the fourth child of Jehu and Patience (Houseweart) John, was born on the 27th of December, 1843, in Rush Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

She moved with her parents from Pennsylvania to Winnebago County, Illinois, when she was but six years old. It was a long and hard trip at that time as transportation was very poor. On this trip they had several modes of travel; horses and wagon, train a short way, the Erie Canal about 250 miles, then by boat across the Great Lakes.

She grew to womanhood in Winnebago County. Her marriage was to John Burch on the 22nd of January, 1866, at Rockford, Illinois. he owned a big farm or farms in Winnebago County. John Burch, the husband of Sarah M. (John) was born on the 3rd of August, 1823 in London, Canada West. He died and was buried in Winnebago Cemetery.

Sarah M. Burch, wife of John Burch, died on the 1st of May, 1937, in Rockford, and was buried in the cemetery at Winnebago where her husband was buried. Her age 93 years, 4 months and 4 days.

To Sarah and John Burch were born seven children, namely; 1. Georgiana, 2. Judson, 3. Willard, 4. Preston, 5. Nellie, 6. Jessie, and 7. Mildred Burch.

Children and Grandchildren of Sarah M. and John Burch

Georgiana Burch

Georgiana Burch, the first child of Sarah M. (John) and John Burch, was born on the 13th of December, 1866 in Elida, Illinois.

She never married.

Judson Burch

Judson Burch, the second child of Sarah M. (John) and John Burch,

was born on the 19th of October, 1869, in Elida, Illinois. He moved to southern California and lived in Santa Fe Springs, Whittier, and Santa Monica.

He married Ann Colder. They had no children.

#### Willard Burch

Willard Burch, the third child of Sarah M.(John) and John Burch, was born on the 9th of March, 1872, in Elida, Illinois.

He married Georgia Sumers on the 15th of September, 1915. Their home was in Rockford, Illinois.

To them were born two children, namely; 1. Barton Somers Burch and 2. John Warren Burch.

Willard Burch passed away February 8, 1966 at Rockford, Illinois, and was buried at Lindewood, Illinois. Age 93 years.

#### Preston Burch

Preston Burch, the fourth child of Sarah (John) and John Burch, was born on the 19th of April, 1874, in Elida, Illinois. He married Maud Simpson.

To them were born two children, namely; Ramona (Burch) McCallium, 2. Kenneth Burch.

Preston Burch died on the 17th of May, 1908, in Mason City, Iowa, and was buried in Winnebago, Illinois.

His wife Maud died on the 18th of June, 1917, in Pasadena, California and was buried there.

#### Nellie Theresa Burch

Nellie Theresa Burch, the fifth child of Sarah M.(John) and John Burch, was born on the 18th of February, 1876 in Elida, Illinois. She married Clarence Wray on the 27th of October, 1903.

To them was born one child, namely; 1. Merian Wray.

Nellie T. Wray passed away February 8, 1966, at Sioux City, Iowa, and was buried at Iowa Falls, Iowa. Age 89.

#### Jessie Burch

Jessie Burch, the sixth child of Sarah M. (John) and John Burch, was born on the 22nd of January, 1878, in Elida, Illinois. She never married. She lived at 1017 North Court Street, Rockford, Illinois.

Jessie Burch passed away November 17, 1965, at Rockford, Illinois and was buried at Winnebago, Illinois. Age 87 years.

#### Mildred Burch

Mildred Burch, the seventh child of Sarah and John Burch, was born

on the 27th of May, 1879, in Elida, Illinois.

She married Thomas U. McGuire on the 1st of November, 1915.

They had no children.

ANN ELIZA JOHN  
FIFTH OF FIFTH GENERATION  
FROM  
JEHU JOHN  
AND  
HER CHILDREN

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FIFTH  
BRANCH OF FIFTH GENERATION  
FROM JEHU AND PATIENCE JOHN

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Ann Eliza John, the fifth child of Jehu and Patience (Houseweart) John, was born on the 17th of May, 1846, in Rush Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

She moved with her parents from Pennsylvania to Winnebago County, Illinois, when she was but three years old. In those early years, there were not as many ways to travel and the railroads were quite new and very few of them. They had to travel the hard way and had to use several modes of conveyances in that long distance to reach their destination in Winnebago County, Illinois. This was in the late fall of the year. She grew to womanhood on her parents farm there.

She married Cyrus C. Bigelow at Elgin, Illinois. They moved to Sardinia, New York.

To them were born two children, namely; 1. Frank C. Bigelow and 2. Blanch Bigelow.

Ann E. (John) and Cyrus E. Bigelow's children and Grandchildren.

Frank C. Bigelow

Frank C. Bigelow, the first child of Ann E. (John) and Cyrus E. Bigelow, was born on the 31st of August, 1873, in or near Sardinia, New York.

He married Ethel Sherman on the 17th of June, 1908. in the Paptist Parsonage in Delevan, New York.

To them were born four children, namely;

1. Geneviva I. Bigelow, born on the 2nd of January, 1910, in Sardinia, New York.
2. Charlie Biglow, born on the 8th of March, 1911. in Sardinia, New York.

3. Geraldine Bigelow, born on the 18th of December, 1916, in Sardinia, New York.

She married Grant Earl Rodes. He was born on the 14th of September, 1913, in Olean, New York. They were married on the 24th of October, 1936, at the parsonage in East Aurora, New York.

To them were born three children, namely;

1. Gary G. Rodes, born on the 21st of March, 1940.
2. Larry Frank Rodes, born on the 14th of April, 1944.
3. Jenice Sharon Rodes, born on the 17th of March, 1946.

Frank C. Bigelow died on the 7th of December, 1938, and was buried in the Bigelow Mausoleum in Sardinia, New York.

#### Blanch Bigelow

Blanch Bigelow, the second child of Ann E. (John) and Cyrus E. Bigelow, was born on the 25th of May, 1876, or 1878, in or near Sardinia, New York.

She married William Henry Porter Yule on the 20th of June, 1901.

To them were born three children, namely;

1. Herbert Bigelow Yule, born on the 17th of April, 1902, in Schenectady, New York. He died on the 22nd of November, 1916, in Colonsay, Saskatchewan, Canada. Age 14 years, 7 months, 5 days.
2. Blanch Elizabeth Yule, born on the 6th of May, 1904, in Schenectady, New York. She married George William Bozak on the 3rd of January, 1934, in North Battleford, Saskatchewan, Canada.

To them was born one child, namely; 1. Muriel Georgina Bozak, born on the 3rd of March, 1935, in Carruthers, Saskatchewan, Canada. She married Richard Clifford Jones on the 29th of October, 1958, in Stettler, Alberta, Canada.

To Muriel and Clifford Jones was born one child, namely; Joyce Artha Jones, in Stettler, Alberta, Canada. She was born on the 29th of January, 1960.

EDMUND J. JOHN  
SIXTH OF FIFTH GENERATION

FROM

JEHU JOHN

AND

HIS DESCENDANTS

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SIXTH

BRANCH OF FIFTH GENERATION  
FROM JEHU AND PATIENCE JOHN

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Edmund James John, the sixth child of Jehu and Patience John, was born on the 5th of October, 1848, at York Tunnel, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. He moved with his parents from Pennsylvania to Winnebago County, Illinois, when he was a young boy. He grew to manhood on his parents' farm.

He married Sarah Bell McKinstry on the 14th of September, 1873, at Hiawatha, Kansas.

Sarah Bell (McKinstry) John, was born on the 22nd of May, 1854, in Mercersburg, Pennsylvania.

To them were born eight children, namely;

1. Patience E., 2. Mary H., 3. Walter O., 4. Elizabeth, 5. Gertrude,  
6. Ralph E. 7. Joseph F. and 8. Estella Sarah John.

Edmund J. John, moved from Kansas to southern Iowa; later years he moved to near Plankinton, South Dakota. He was called to his Heavenly Home on the 8th of June, 1922 and was buried at Plankinton, South Dakota. Age 73 years, 8 months, and 3 days.

Sarah B.(McKinstry) John, wife of Edmund J. John, died on the 15th of November, 1934, and she was also buried in Plankinton. Age 80 years.

Edmund J. and Sarah B. John's Children

Patience E. John

Patience E. John, the first child of Edmund J. and Eliza B. (McKinstry) John, was born on the 5th of July, 1874, in Brown County, Kansas.

As a small girl she, with her parents, experienced traveling in a covered wagon pulled with horses. They went from Kansas to Cerro Gordo County, near Sheffield, Iowa. She, with her parents, moved to Missouri for a time and then moved back to near Decator, Iowa.

She lived here until after her marriage.

She met her future husband, Fred E. Bruner, while living on the farm. They were married on the 1st of October, 1892.

They later moved to Wheatland, Wyoming, where they bought a farm. They lived here until her husband's death on the 20th of October, 1928. He was buried in Wheatland, Wyoming. He was born on the 12th of January, 1871, in Iowa.

Patience and her family moved into Wheatland after his death.

To Patience E. (John) and Fred Bruner, were born three children, namely;

1. Edna Blanch Bruner, born on the 30th of September, 1894.

She married Alfred R. Van Aukan. Their home was in Payette, Idaho.

On the 19th of May, 1959, while traveling with her husband in Nebraska on a trip to the east, she was killed in a car accident near the town of Ogallala, Nebraska.

2. Bertha Mae Bruner, was born on the 2nd of March, 1897.

She married John Albin Klassen on the 17th of June, 1955, in Wheatland, Wyoming, where they made home.

3. George Walter Bruner, was born on the 21st of January, 1908.

On the 19th of August, 1928, he met his death by drowning in a lake near Wheatland, while trying to save another person from drowning. He was buried in Wheatland.

Patience E. (John) Bruner, the wife of Fred Bruner, was called to her Heavenly Home from the Memorial Hospital in Cheyenne, Wyoming, on the 30th of April, 1961. Funeral at Methodist Church in Wheatland and she was buried in the cemetery where her husband and son were buried.

#### Mary Hortence John

Mary Hortense John, the second child of Edmund J. and Sarah B. (McKinstry) John, was born on the 11th of December, 1876, near Sheffield, Iowa.

She married Perry E. Bruner (brother of Patience's husband) on the 11th of March, 1896.

To them were born two children, namely;

1. Lena Marie Bruner, born on the 12th of September, 1897.  
She married Ben Harding on the 1st of January, 1917.

2. Paul Edmund Bruner, born on the 10th of February, 1902.  
He married Leara Phipps on the 1st of January, 1923.  
He died on the 11th of February, 1935. Age 33.

Perry E. Bruner, husband of Mary Hortense (John) Bruner, was born on the 9th of November, 1873. He died on the 15th of June, 1956. Age 73.

Mary Hortense (John) Bruner, wife of Perry E. Bruner, died on the 5th of February, 1963, in southern Iowa.

Walter Oren John

Walter O. John, the third child of Edmund J. and Sarah B. (McKinstry) John, was born on the 22nd of June, 1879, near Sheffield, Iowa.

He married Jennie Martin on the 30th of August, 1900. To them were born two children, namely;

1. Esther John, born on the 6th of February, 1902. She died on the 20th of February, 1902.
2. Bert Porter John, born on the 9th of September, 1904. He was killed in a cyclone on the 25th of June, 1908. Age 2.

The storm swept over their farm in the night taking them and all of their buildings. Walter John was still alive in the morning when the fog lifted. The neighbors who lived a few miles away, saw that the buildings were gone and they went to the John farm and found the wife and baby dead and Walter pinned under some timbers with his baby in his arms. Before he passed away he told them about the storm. He suffered terribly through the night.

All three were buried at the same time. Their remains are in the cemetery in Plankinton, South Dakota.

Elizabeth John

Elizabeth John, the fourth child of Edmund J. and Sarah B. (McKinstry) John, was born on the 5th of September, 1884, near Sheffield, Iowa.

She married Isaac Tolly on the 26th of February, 1902. To them were born six children, namely;

1. Clarence Tolly, born on the 25th of July, 1903. He married Hazel Dyer in November, 1926.

He married the second time to Rose Gaines on the 15th of February, 1944. He passed away on the 23rd of December, 1957, in Joplin, Missouri.

2. Freda Tolly, born on the 21st of February, 1905, at Mount Vernon, South Dakota. She married A. D. Rose on the 13th of April, 1923, at Leon, Iowa.
3. Ethel Tolly, born on the 27th of January, 1907, at Plankinton, South Dakota, She married Floyd Sodden on the 25th of April, 1925.
4. Ruby Tolly, born on the 1st of August, 1913, in Stickney, South Dakota.
5. Russell Tolly, born on the 9th of March, 1915, at Decator, Iowa. He married Frances Winter on the 11th of April,

at Des Moines, Iowa.

6. Robert Tolly, born on the 24th of January, 1916, at Decator, Iowa.

He married Ivy Baker of La Roy, Iowa, on the 6th of April, 1940, at Des Moines, Iowa.

Gertrude Florence John

Gertrude F. John, the fifth child of Edmund J. and Sarah B. (McKinstry) John, was born on the 11th of August, 1887, at Little River in Kansas.

She married Charley Nelson on the 22nd of March, 1906. He was born on the 6th of April, 1888. He died on the 11th of December, 1950.

To them were born two children, namely;

1. Margaret Nelson, born on the 6th of November, 1913.  
She married Henry Van Ekesen. To them were born three children, namely;
  1. A boy baby born and died in 1933.
  2. May Jane Van Ekesen, born on the 11th of January, 1937.
  3. A boy baby born and died on the 3rd of June, in 1946.
2. Gertrude Nelson, born on the 18th of November, 1918.  
She married Arthur W. Leisteo on the 18th of March, 1944.  
To them were born three children, namely;
  1. Arthur W. Leisteo, born on the 9th of October, 1944.
  2. Cheryl Ann Leisteo, born on the 22nd of April, 1946.
  3. Judy Kay Leisteo, born on the 5th of July, 1947.

Ralph E. John

Ralph E. John, the sixth child of Edmund J. and Sarah B. (McKinstry) John, was born on the 19th of January, 1890, at Hiawatha, Kansas.

He married Bessie Armstron after coming out of War World One, on the 7th of September, 1919. To them were born seven children, namely;

1. Thomas John, born on the 23rd of June, 1920, at Timber Lake, South Dakota. He was single in 1960. He lived in Portland, Oregon.
2. Maria John, born on the 8th of July, 1922, at Timber Lake, South Dakota. She married David Pritchard, May 7, 1955.
3. Ralph Rease John, born on the 23rd of January, 1925, at Timber Lake, South Dakota. He married Gladys Walcott.
4. Helen L. John, born on the 3rd of March, 1927, at Timber Lake, South Dakota. She married Bob Bartell in Portland.
5. Margarie John, born on the 14th of June, 1928, at Timber Lake, South Dakota. She married Floyd Covey at Grants Pass,

Oregon.

6. Burrell John, born on the 29th of June, 1930, at Timber Lake, South Dakota. Died on the 8th of August 3, 1930.
7. Charles John, born on the 1st of March, 1932, at the Timber Lake, South Dakota. He married Margaret Wilcott on the 31st of August, 1950.

Joseph F. John

Joseph F. John, the seventh child of Edmund J. and Sara B. (McKinstry) John, was born on the 5th of October, 1892, in Decator, Iowa.

He married Bessie Bendefeldt on the 6th of August, 1915, in South Dakota. To them were born three children, namely;

1. Joyce Louis John, born on the 14th of January, 1917, at Plankinton, South Dakota.

She married Randell Hasterman on the 8th of May, 1942. To them was born one girl, namely;

1. Betty Mae Hasterman, born on the 6th of November, 1947.
2. Vera Laye John, born on the 13th of August, 1919, at Plankinton, South Dakota.

She married William G. Gunther on the 26th of September, 1941, at Waukesha, Wisconsin. To them were born two children, namely;

1. Sandra K. Gunther, born on the 21st of June, 1944.
2. John William Gunther, born on the 19th of September, 1946. (He is a radar man in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
3. Shirley Mae John, born on the 28th of May, 1921, at Plankinton, South Dakota.

She married Clarence D. Phillips at Great Falls, Montana. To them were born three children, namely;

1. Judith Ann Phillips, born on the 3rd of February, 1944.
2. Bonnie Jean Phillips, born on the 12th of May, 1946.
3. Marjorie Lynn Phillips, born on the 5th of July, 1947. (Lived in Dutton, Montana. Operated a wheat ranch).

Sarah Estella John

Sarah E. John, the eighth child of Edmund J. and Sarah B. (McKinstry) John, was born on the 25th of August, 1895, near Decator, Iowa.

She married Fred Shottenkirk on the 19th of February, 1916, in South Dakota. Fred Shottenkirk was born on the 25th of November, 1895.

To them were born seven children, namely;

1. Violet Shottenkirk, born on the 13th of January, 1917, in Lead, South Dakota. She married Barney Perle on the 5th of December, 1936, in Lead, South Dakota.

To them were born three children, namely;

1. Janice Lue Perle, born on the 28th of June, 1939, in Lead, South Dakota.
  2. Mary Alice Perle, born on the 2nd of December, 1945, in Deadwood, South Dakota.
  3. Victoria Ann Perle, born in 1949.
2. Dewey Shottenkirk, born on the 28th of November, 1918, in Plankinton, South Dakota. He married Mildred E. Walters.

To them was born one child, namely; Duanne Walters.

3. Earl Shottenkirk, born on the 20th of November, 1920, at Presho, South Dakota. He married a girl by the name of Bettie (I do not have the last name). She was born in 1929.

To them were born two children, namely;

1. Sue Ann Shottenkirk, born in 1948.
  2. Earl Shottenkirk, born in 1950.
4. Irma Bell Shottenkirk, born on the 27th of March, 1922. She married Otha Holland on the 3rd of December, 1940.

To them were born three children, namely;

1. James Alvin Holland, born on the 4th of October, 1941.
  2. Julie Kaye Holland, born on the 12th of February, 1943.
  3. Bell Estella Holland, born on the 29th of November, 1944.
5. Lyle Jack Shottenkirk, born on the 20th of July, 1923. He was adopted by Mr. Popples.

He married a girl who's first name was Lucille. She was born in 1929.

To them were born three children, namely;

1. Dennis Lyle Popples, born in 1947.
  2. Douglas J. Popples, born in 1950.
  3. Larry Dean Popples, born in 1952.
6. Raye Willard (Shottenkirk), born on the 21st of July, 1925. He was adopted by Mr. Solberg. He married Helen Marie Clouse.

To them were born two children, namely;

1. Arnold Raye Solberge, born in 1945.
2. Sharon Marie Solberg, born in 1954.

7. Gene Shottenkirk, born on the 28th of December, 1927.  
He married a Japanese girl in Japan. Her first name is  
Kaye. ( I do not know if they have any children).

Sara E. (John) Shottenkirk, married the second time to Dewy Wonbourn.  
To them was born one child, namely;

1. James Wonbourn, born on the 20th of December, 1933.  
He married a girl by the name of Pauline. I believe  
they have five children. I do not know their names.

Verdilia Elmira John

Verdilia E. John, the eighth child of Edmund J. and Sarah E. (McKinstry)  
John, was born on the 31st of July, 1851. at Elida, Illinois.

She married Polaske D. Riggins on the 24th of October, 1847. in West  
Fork Township, Franklin County, Iowa.

To them were born three children. namely; 1. Lesley L. Riggins.  
2. Carroll Riggins, and 3. Verdilia Riggins. See page 180.

She died on the 26th of August, 1883. Age 32. Buried in the West  
Fork Cemetery in Franklin County, Iowa. Her husband died in later  
years at his son's home, Lesley L. Riggins. He was buried by the  
side of his wife in Franklin County, Iowa.

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A Poem Written by Verdilia (John) Riggins

#### We All Must Pass Away

The wind blew very cold indeed,  
The night was dark and drear  
And the fire's cheerful blaze  
Had nothing at all to fear,  
When by my side I heard these words-  
'Listen to me I pray, Prepare yourself  
For another world, for we must all pass away.

I rose to my feet, and looked around,  
Thinking that I should see,  
The form that spoke those solemn words  
I wondered who it could be?  
I searched the house with no success  
The person had flown away.

I thought of the gospel injunctions  
Of the words of warning there,  
And the promise of comfort  
In that better land so fair  
In God's own Holy Word  
I read the other day  
We all must pass away.

Good friends, I wish to tell you  
That death will come to all-  
Unto the old gray-headed,  
And also to the small,  
So I beg you to take this warning  
For we all must pass away.

"How True This Is"

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Verdilia E. (John) and Polaske D. Riggins Children and Grandchildren

1. Lesley Leroy Riggins, first child of Verdilia E. (John) and Polaske D. Riggins, was born on the 15th of March, 1878, in West Fork Township, Franklin County, Iowa.

He married Clara Banker on the 26th of February, 1908.  
To them was born one child, namely;

1. Worth Riggins

Lesley L. Riggins, died with a heart attack while he was riding his tractor on his farm near Dougherty, Iowa, in 1951, at the age of 72. He was buried in the West Fork Cemetery.

2. Carroll Riggins, the second child of Verdilia E. (John) and Polaske Riggins, was born on the 3rd of May, 1880, in West Fork Township, Franklin County, Iowa.

She married August Shaffer on the 14th of December, 1909.

To them were born three children, namely;

1. Glen Riggins
2. Melvin Riggins
3. Irene Riggins

Carroll Riggins died on the 25th of August, 1949, at the Riverview Hospital, Green, Iowa. Age 69. She was buried in the Luther Cemetery, near Green, Iowa.

3. Verdilia E. Riggins, the third child of Verdilia E. (John) and Polaske D. Riggins, was born on the 25th of August, 1883, in Scott Township, Floyd County, Iowa.

She grew to womanhood in South Dakota and Iowa. She was born on the farm of her parents, ten miles from Marble Rock.

She married Thomas Alfred Hall on the 30th of November, 1903, in Iowa.

To them were born two children, namely:

1. Cora Gladys Hall, born on the 24th of May, 1905, in Wisconsin. She married Leon Therman. No children.
2. Gale Glen Hall, born on the 22nd of October, 1911, in Wisconsin. He married Nora Sherman on the 11th of August, 1921.

To them were born five children, namely:

1. Lois A., born April 29, 1943.
2. Stanley E., born March 25, 1946.
3. Vernon O., born June 9, 1948.
4. Deloris M., born September 29, 1953.

Thomas A. Hall died in June, 1952, and was buried in West Fork Cemetery, Iowa.

Gale G. Hall died on the 16th of February, 1960. Age 49.

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THUS ENDS TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY YEARS OF HISTORY OF THE "JOHN" FAMILY, AND THE PORTION THAT THEY HAD AMONG THE FIRST SETTLERS IN THESE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THEN ON DOWN THE LINE OF DESCENDANTS TO 1966.

THE WRITER SAID IN THE FIRST PART OF THIS HISTORY, "THAT HE LIKED HISTORY OF ALL KINDS". NOW AFTER GOING THROUGH ALL THE EARLY HISTORICAL RECORDS, AND THE PART OUR ANCESTORS PLAYED IN THE MAKING OF THIS EARLY HISTORY: IT GAVE HIM A SACRED FEELING FOR OUR EARLY ANCESTORS.

THE FUTURE OF OUR NATION, AND THE PEOPLE IN IT, IS VAILED FROM US AND CANNOT BE SEEN. BUT IF OUR PEOPLE KEEP THE FAITH AND PRINCIPLES OF OUR FOREFATHERS, AND HAVING THEIR TRUST IN GOD, THE FUTURE WILL BE WELL FOR THIS NATION AND THE PEOPLE IN IT AND THEY WILL BE MORE THAN CONQUERORS. THIS NATION WILL BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND AGAINST THE STORMS OF ANY NATION, OR ANY OTHER CONFLICT THAT MAY COME AGAINST THEM.

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